

# DAILY DART

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

March 19, 2021

## Severe Storms Activity

- Residents across the South are cleaning up amid harrowing stories of survival during a tornado outbreak that ripped homes apart, snapped trees in half and left debris strewn across miles.
- More than 45,000 homes and businesses were without power across Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi at the height of the storms on Wednesday.
- The majority of the outages were resolved by Thursday evening, according to poweroutage.us.

### Alabama

- Storms that produced tornadoes and destroyed and damaged homes in Mississippi and Alabama swept over the Southeast and Atlantic coast Thursday, with heavy rains and winds that tore off roofs.
- The National Weather Service office in central Alabama sent teams out Thursday to assess damage in at least 12 counties where tornadoes may have touched down, according to the Associated Press
- Chilton County was among the hardest hit from Wednesday's tornadoes in Central Alabama.
- At least three homes were destroyed in Chilton County, which saw two possible tornadoes Wednesday – one of which was given an EF2 rating by the NWS after a preliminary damage survey south of Pools Crossroads.
- The weather service office in Birmingham will survey damage in Hale, Tuscaloosa, Jefferson and Blount counties as well as Chilton, Autauga and Dallas counties.



### North Carolina

- Property damage was reported, a semi turned on its side and streets flooded as severe weather continued to trek across the South Thursday night.
- The fire department in High Point, North Carolina, reported structural damage from a possible tornado shortly before 6 p.m. Thursday, including roofs blown off buildings. Trees and power lines were also down.
- North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency Thursday evening in anticipation of the severe weather.



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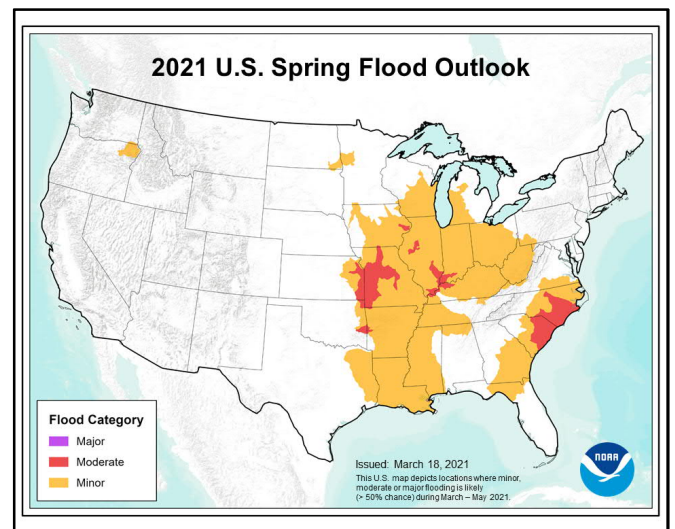
## South Carolina

- A severe weather threat that forecasters said could have spawned tornadoes in several sections of South Carolina mostly didn't deliver, but a cloudburst on the back end of the storm flooded streets in downtown Charleston.
- Water from flooding filled streets in Charleston after reports that 2 inches of rain fell in an hour.
- A flood advisory issued by the National Weather Service expired at 5 p.m. and a tornado watch expired at 6 p.m.



## 2021 U.S. Spring Flood Outlook

- Major flooding is not expected this spring season
- Overall, a reduced risk of spring flooding exists this year primarily due to a mainly dry fall and winter, along with limited snow still remaining on the ground.
- Approximately 82 million people are at risk for flooding in their communities, with nearly 9 million at risk for moderate flooding.
- Minor to moderate flooding is ongoing across portions of the Lower Missouri River Basin with the flood risk predicted to continue through spring.



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## Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
KY	Severe Flooding February 26, 2021	9	5	3/6-TBD

## WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4586 TX	Severe Ice Storm	126 Counties	25	4/21/2021

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

