

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Monday, May 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Operations / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Chemical Release – Garden Grove, CA

## Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding – Lower Mississippi Valley to Southeast
- Critical Fire Weather – Oregon and Nevada

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## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Emergency Declaration – CA

## Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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# Chemical Release – Garden Grove, CA

**Situation:** Response efforts are ongoing for the chemical spill at the GKN Aerospace facility involving methyl methacrylate (MMA), a flammable, toxic, and highly volatile material used in acrylic plastics manufacturing. Teams are actively cooling tanks, mitigating exposure risks, conducting air monitoring, and coordinating actions and contingency plans under unified command. Evacuation orders remain in place for residents in the Garden Grove community.

**Incident Projections:** (R9 Update, as of 8:19 p.m. ET and FEMA R9 Administrator Update, as of 11:54 p.m. ET, May 24)

- The chemical reaction is expected to continue until Tank #1 fails or contents leak
- Tank temperatures and internal pressures are lowering; tank is more likely to leak than explode
- Resources have established secondary containment with diversion of water flow and additional contingency plans
- Additional containment resources created to contain any potential release
  - To prepare for a potential spill of MMA to water and storm sewers, Orange County Sanitation District and Public Works asked for support to place two temporary booms in the flood channel
  - FEMA/EPA/State planning group to develop potential consequence management plans if needed

**Lifeline Impacts:** (R9 Update, as of 8:19 p.m. ET and FEMA R9 Administrator Update, as of 11:54 p.m. ET, May 24)

#### **Safety and Security:**

- Mandatory evacuations of 50k residents; preparing for potential 14-day mass care event
- 5 EMS stations within evacuation area

**Food, Hydration, and Shelter:** (ARC, as of 6:50 a.m. ET, May 25)

- 9 (+3) shelters open / 1,001 (-357) occupants

#### **Health & Medical:**

- Local hospital and 11 nursing homes in evacuation zone; hospital patients and personnel relocating to DSH-Metropolitan in Norwalk

#### **Hazardous Materials:**

- Air quality remains within normal limits
- Diking and secondary containment systems are being established.



(R9 Update, as of 8:19 p.m. ET, May 24)

#### **State / Local Response:**

- CA SEOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfires and HAZMAT)
- Governor declared a State of Emergency and requested an Emergency Declaration on May 23

**FEMA / Federal Response:** (R9 Administrator Update, as of 8:19 p.m. ET, May 24)

#### **FEMA Region 9:**

- RWC is Monitoring; R-IMAT 1 deployed (DR-4909-HI), R-IMAT 2 deployed (DR-4910-MP)
- California FIT acting LNO deployed to SEOC
- Deploying small team to CA SEOC to assist with contingency planning
- Pending EM approval designated FCO identified

#### **HQ:** NWC is Monitoring

**EPA:** Deployed on-scene coordinators and Environmental Response Team; 24 perimeter air monitors in place; all results to date indicate no detection of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)

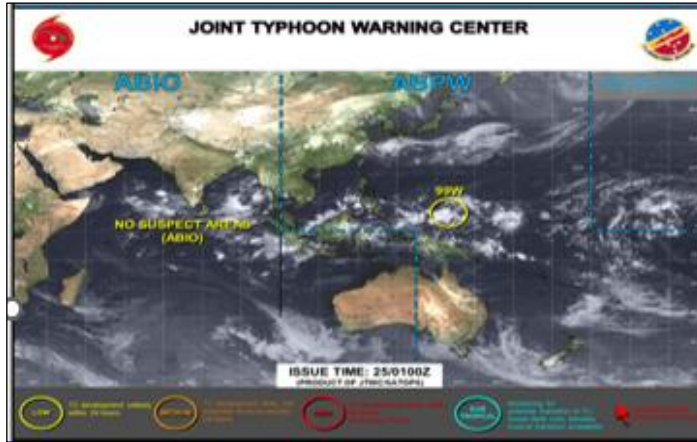
The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9. The next update will be provided in the 5:00 p.m. ET National SITREP.



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# Tropical Outlook

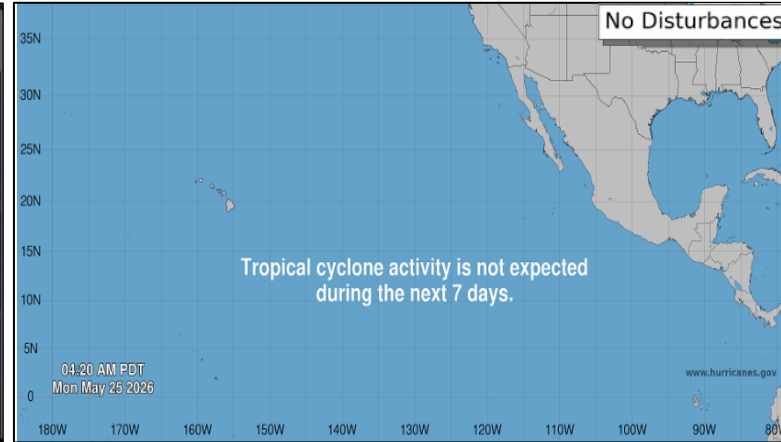
## Western Pacific



### Invest 99W: (As of 3:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 443 miles SSW of Guam
- Development into a tropical cyclone is not expected within 24 hours, but could potentially organize in the next few days
- Heavy rainfall and gusty winds are expected across much of Palau and western Yap State

## Eastern and Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

## Atlantic



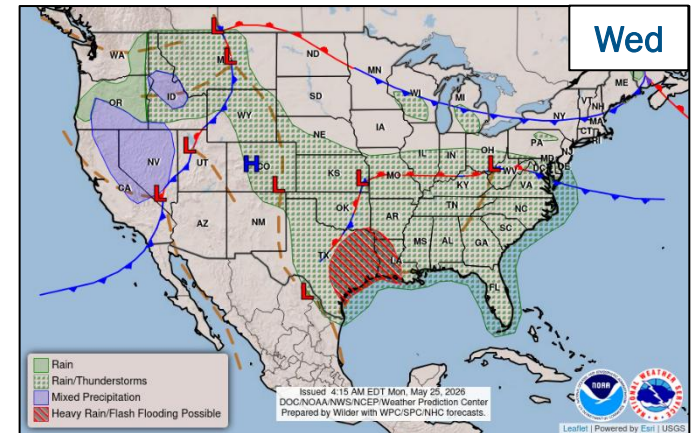
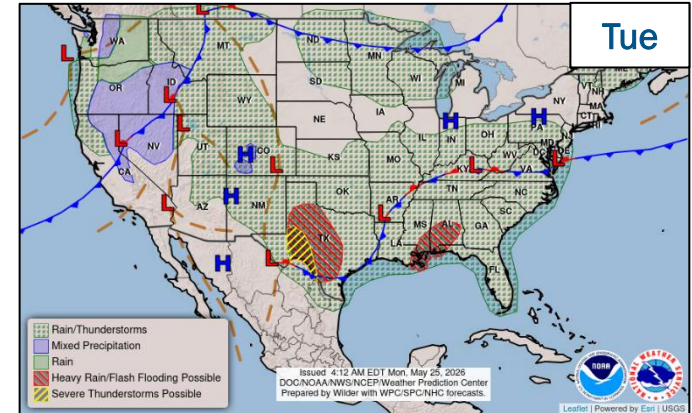
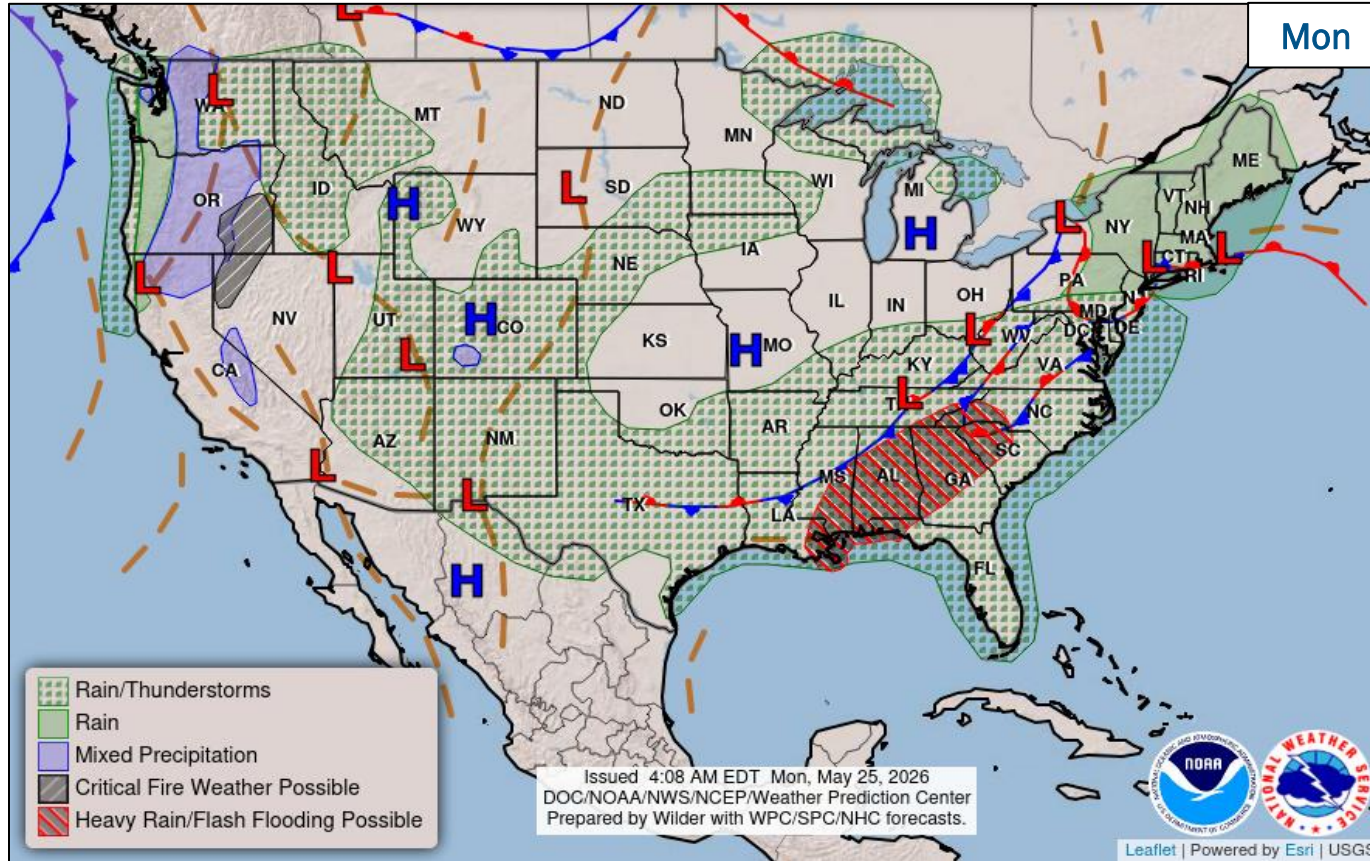
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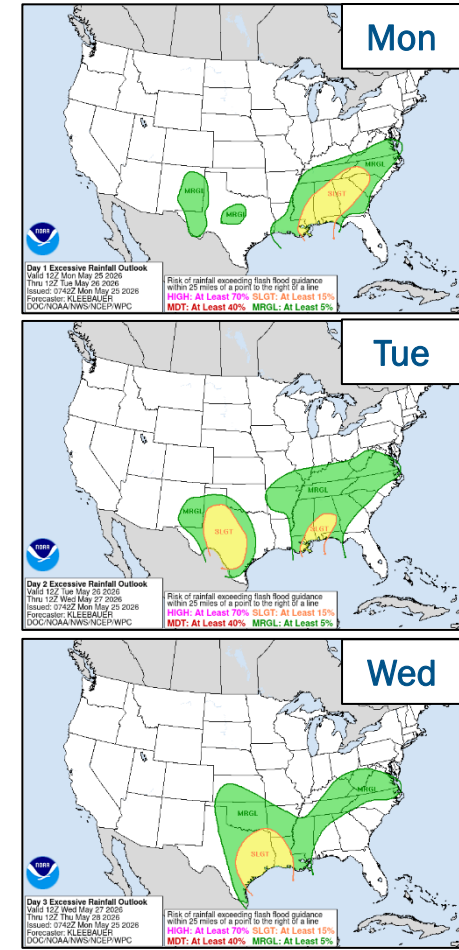
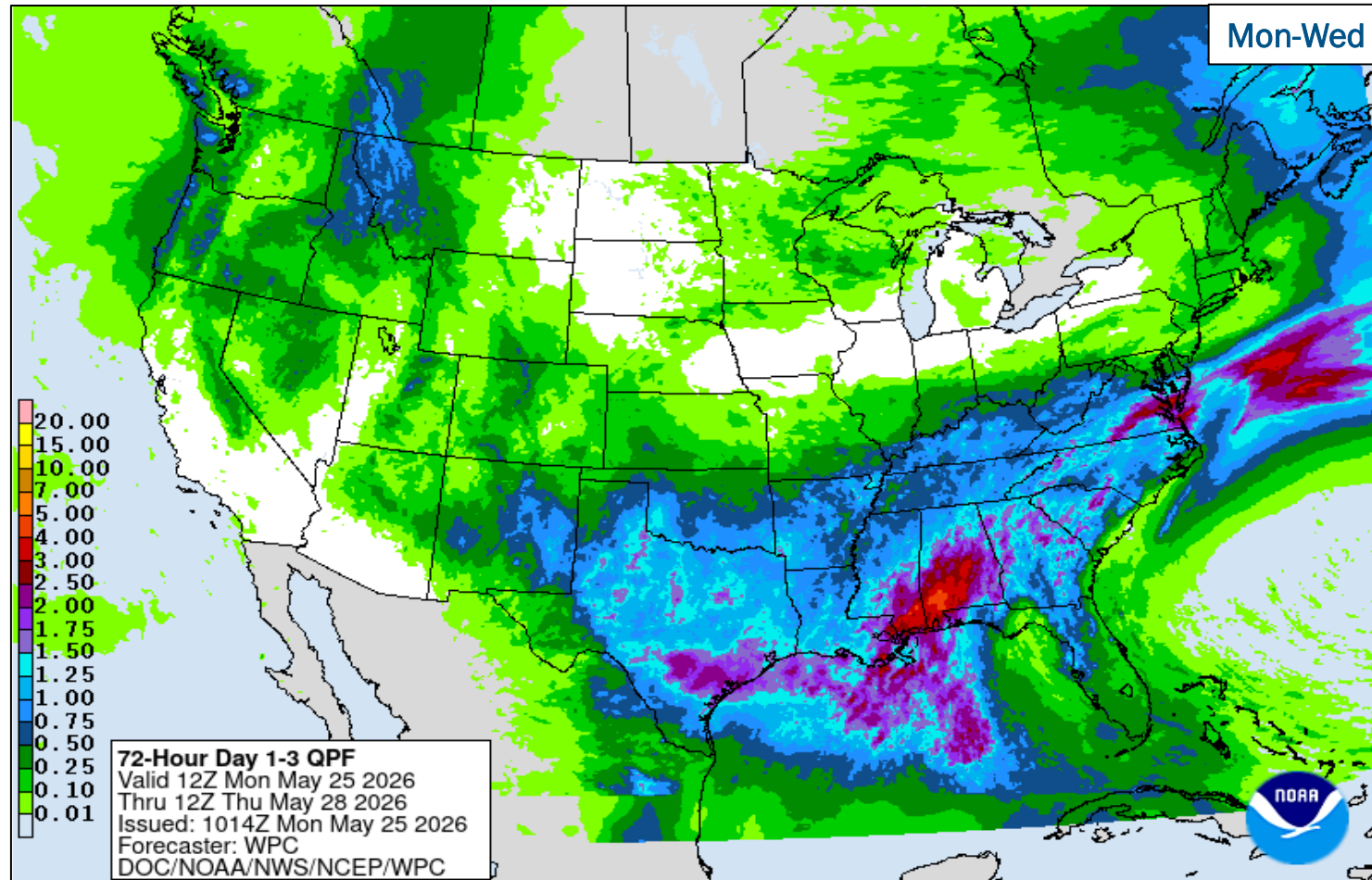
# National Weather Forecast



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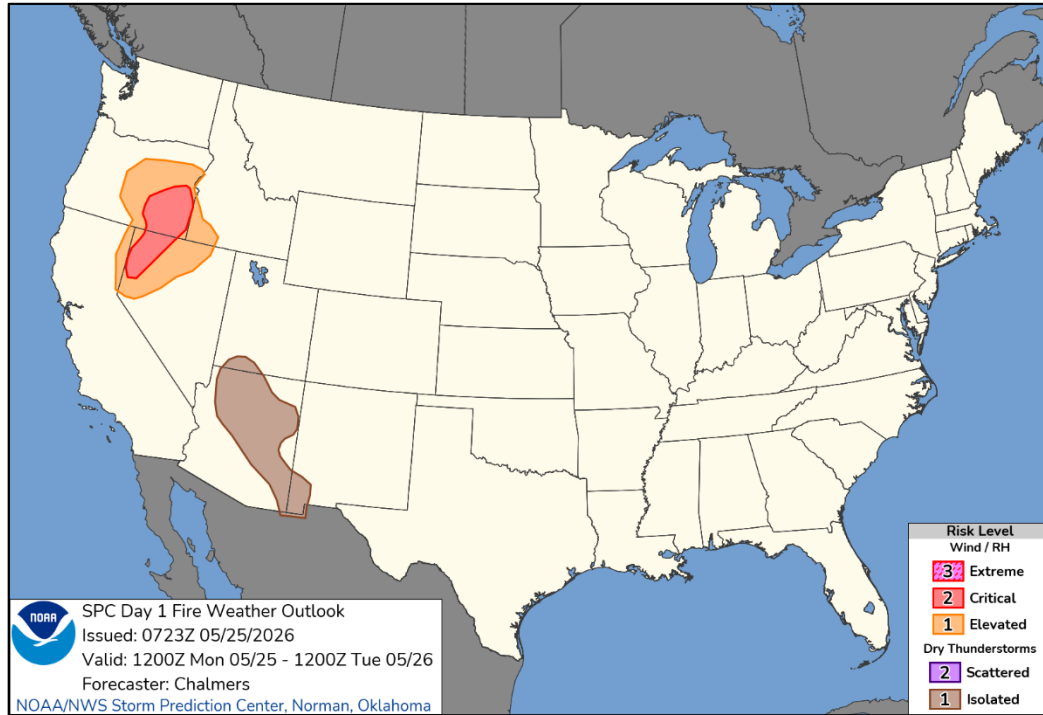
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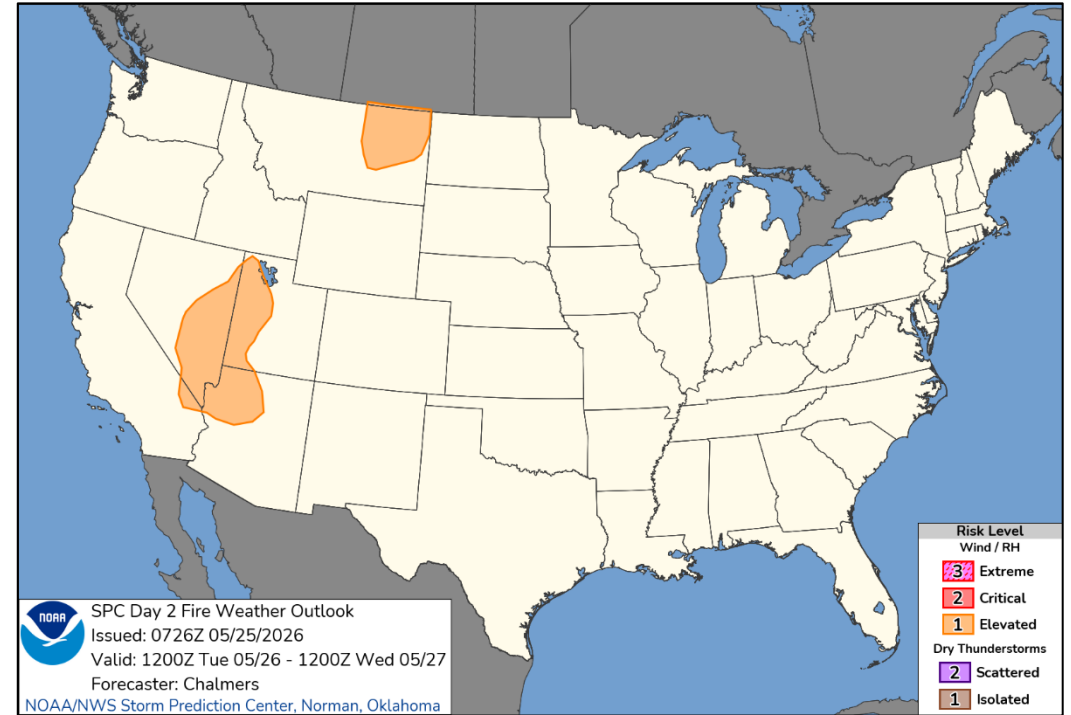
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# Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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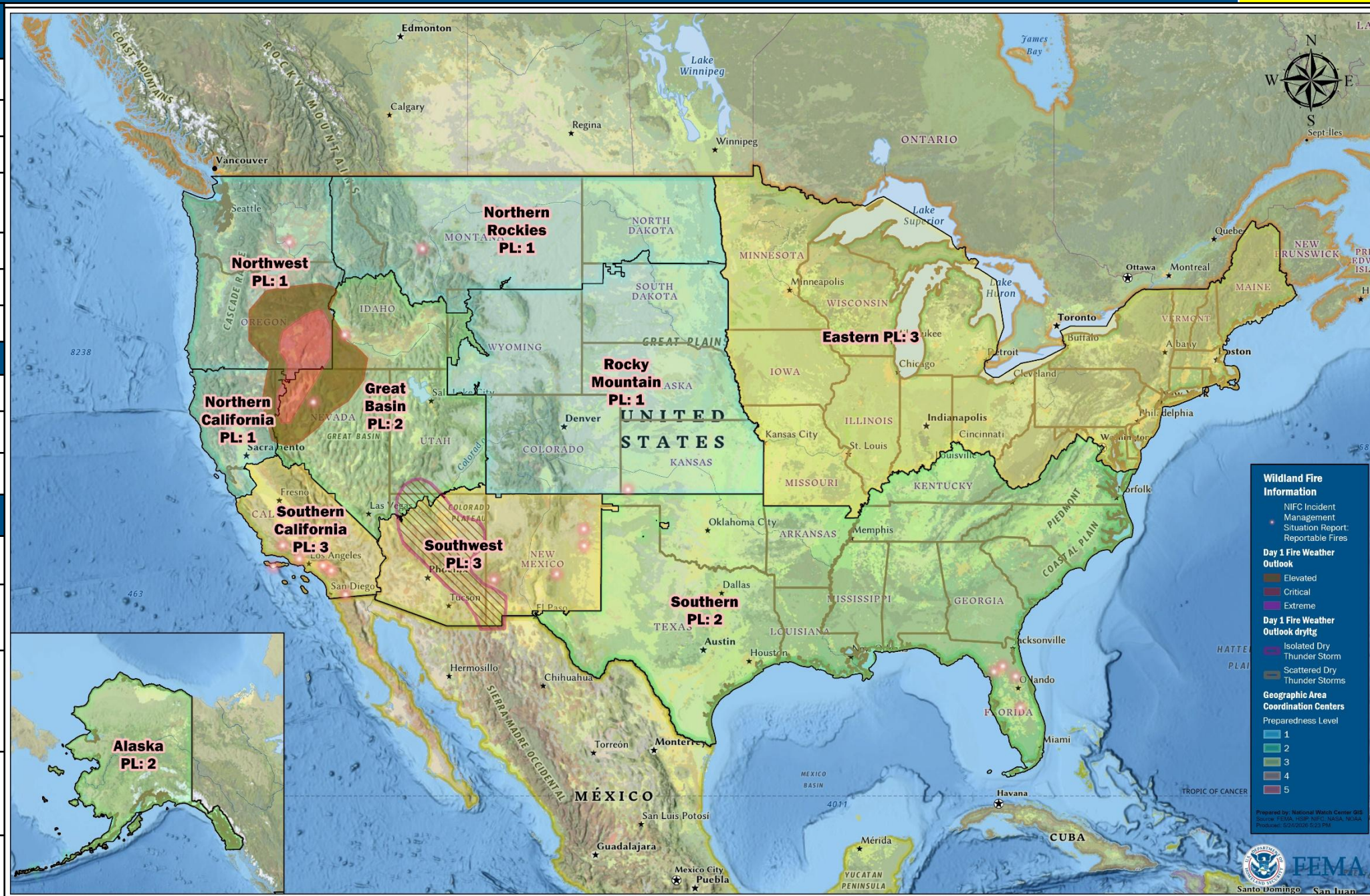
# National Fire Activity – May 25, 2026

PL 2

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	LIGHT (78 fires)
New Large Fires	4
Large Fires Contained	1
Uncontained Large Fires	19
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	2,375,387
Total Responders	4,071
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	0
Complex IMTs Deployed	1
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	22
2025	75
3 Year Average	53

## Preparedness Level: 2

PL 1	Minimal fire activity; many resources available
PL 2	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas
PL 3	Wildfire activity ongoing throughout 25% of country; National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) sets priorities, allocates resources, and mobilizes assets at national level
PL 4	High levels of fire activity and areas are competing for firefighting resources; 60% of the nation's wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nation's firefighting resources committed





# FEMA Common Operating Picture

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## FEMA HQ

NWC

NRCC

## Incident Workforce

19,565

Assigned a Disaster Title

6,332 / 32%

Deployed

6,021 / 31%

Available to Deploy for 30 Days

7,212 / 37%

Remaining

Surge Capacity Force  
7,688 / 0 / 768

Rostered / Deployed / Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

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## Watch FEMA Regions RRCC

●	Region 1	●
●	Maynard	
●	Region 2	●
●	Brooklyn	
●	Region 3	●
●	Philadelphia	
●	Region 4	●
●	Atlanta	
●	Region 5	●
●	Chicago	
●	Region 6	●
●	Denton	
●	Region 7	●
●	Kansas City	
●	Region 8	●
●	Denver	
●	Region 9	●
●	Oakland	
●	Region 10	●
●	Bothell	

## Notes

- Watches/RRCCs:
- NWC: Staffing
  - R1 Watch: Staffing
  - R2 Watch: Equipment
  - R5 Watch: Staffing (Day Only)
  - R9 Watch: Staffing
  - R10 Watch: Staffing
  - R7 RRCC: Staffing
  - R9 RRCC: Staffing
  - R10 RRCC: Staffing
- State EOCs:
- DC: Summer 2026 Events
  - FL: Previous Incidents
  - AZ/GA/KS: Wildfires
  - CA: Wildfires/HAZMAT
  - AL/MS/TX: Severe Weather
  - HI: Severe Weather/Earthquake
  - GU/MP: TC Sinlaku
  - AK: River Ice Monitoring

- IMATs:
- NIMAT-Red: TC Sinlaku
  - NIMAT-White: Staffing
  - NIMAT-Blue: Staffing
  - R1 IMAT: Staffing
  - R3 IMAT: Staffing
  - R4 IMAT-1/2: Staffing
  - R6 IMAT-1/2: Staffing
  - R10 IMAT: Staffing

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JFO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	1	1	0	0
R4	4	11	0	1
R5	0	0	0	0
R6	4	4	2	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	4	0	0
R9	0	2	2	0
R10	4	5	0	0

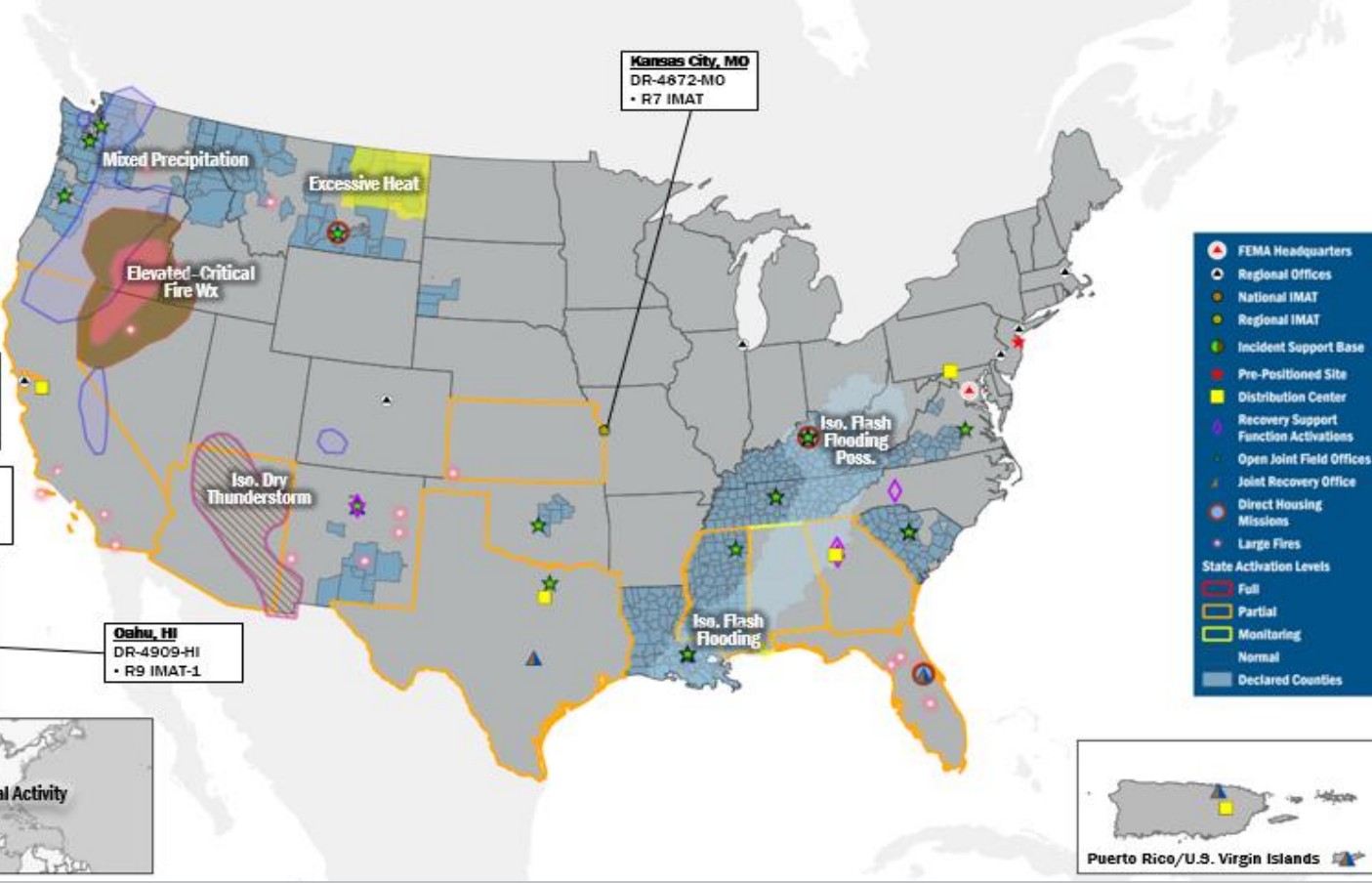


**CNMI**  
DR-4910-MP  
• N-IMAT Red  
• R9 IMAT-2  
• SMT Tracy/Hawaii

**Guam**  
EM-3644-GU  
• ISB Delta  
• SMT Tracy/Hawaii

**Oahu, HI**  
DR-4909-HI  
• R9 IMAT-1

No Tropical Activity



- FEMA Headquarters
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- Incident Support Base
- Pre-Positioned Site
- Distribution Center
- Recovery Support Function Activations
- Open Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Office
- Direct Housing Missions
- Large Fires
- State Activation Levels: Full, Partial, Monitoring, Normal
- Declared Counties

## National IMAT

- MP Red
- White
- Blue
- Gold
- HS

## Regional IMAT

- Region 1
- Region 2
- 2 Region 3
- 3 Region 4
- Region 5
- 1 Region 6
- Region 7
- Region 8
- HI MP Region 9
- Region 10

## Commodities & Equipment

CONUS	Distribution Centers			Water	Meals	Gen.	Housing		
	DC Tracy, CA	DC Atlanta, GA	DC Fort Worth, TX				THSS Selma, AL	MHU	TTU
	DC Tracy, CA	DC Atlanta, GA	DC Fort Worth, TX	36%	59%	96%	THSS Selma, AL	66%	200%
	DC Greencastle, PA								
OCONUS	DC Guam	DC Hawaii	DC Caribbean	96%	134%	0%	Winchester, VA (DISC)	83%	
				62%	119%	44%			
				86%	76%	78%			

Stockage levels are based on catastrophic planning factors by location.

## Logistics Staffing

CONUS	Distribution Centers		Staff	Housing		Staff
	DC Tracy, CA	DC Atlanta, GA		THSS Selma, AL	THSS Cumberland, MD	
	DC Tracy, CA	DC Atlanta, GA	70%	80%	65%	73%
	DC Fort Worth, TX	DC Greencastle, PA	54%	89%		
OCONUS	DC Guam	DC Hawaii	85%	70%		
	DC Caribbean		92%			

## SMT

Operational	6
Requires Augmentation	3
Deployed	2

## MERS Det.

30/36 Operational	
Maynard	4/6
Frederick	6/6
Thomasville	6/6
Denton	6/6
Denver	4/6
Bothell	4/6

## US&R

FEMA Support Staff 24% out of 38	
Assigned	28
State-Deployed	0
FEMA-Deployed	0
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	28

## FCO

Assigned	35
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	20 (13 FCO)
Available	13

## Legend

- Fully Mission Capable
- Partially Mission Capable
- Requires Augmentation
- Deployed/Activated

# Emergency Declaration Request – California

**Declaration Type:** Emergency Declaration – CA

**Date Requested:** May 23

**Incident:** Chemical Release

**Incident Period:** May 21 and continuing

**Requested:**

- **PA:** 1 county



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# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R5	MI	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding Apr 10	IA	44	13	5/12 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
R7	KS	Severe Storms Apr 26-27	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	TBD - TBD
	MO	Severe Storms May 16-29	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	11	0	5/27 - TBD



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 27

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Oct 24
SCA <sup>1</sup> – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Nov 26
SCA <sup>1</sup> – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Dec 15
NVK <sup>2</sup> – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Remnants of Typhoon Halong	DR		X	X	Jan 11
KY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 5
FPA & ST <sup>3</sup> – Severe Storm and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 11
CTM <sup>4</sup> – Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 12
FBIC <sup>5</sup> – Severe Storms and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 13
GA – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 12
CN <sup>6</sup> – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 18
DE – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 23
NY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 25
MI – Severe Storm and Tornadoes	DR	X		X	Apr 1
HI – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	EM	X	X		Apr 7

<sup>1</sup>San Carlos Apache Tribe / <sup>2</sup>Native Village of Kipnuk / <sup>3</sup>Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes / <sup>4</sup>Crow Tribe of Montana / <sup>5</sup>Fort Belknap Indian Community / <sup>6</sup>Chickasaw Nation



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 27 (cont'd)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NJ – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Apr 7
MA – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Apr 7
RI – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Apr 7
NVA <sup>7</sup> – Severe Winter Storm	DR	X	X	X	Apr 16
ID – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Apr 14
MWT <sup>8</sup> – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Apr 22
PoA <sup>9</sup> – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 23
LLBO <sup>10</sup> – Fire – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 24
NE – Wildfires	DR		X	X	May 8
GU – Super Typhoon Sinlaku	DR	X	X	X	May 18
MS – Severe Storm	DR	X	X	X	May 19
WI – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	May 22
CA – Chemical Release	EM		X		May 23

<sup>7</sup>Native Village of Ambler / <sup>8</sup>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe / <sup>9</sup>Pueblo of Acoma / <sup>10</sup>Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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