

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Chemical Release – Garden Grove, CA – FINAL

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding– Southern Plains to the Lower Mississippi Valley, and Ohio Valley
- Severe Weather– Mid-Atlantic

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – MO

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Chemical Release – Garden Grove, CA - FINAL

Situation: A release of methyl methacrylate (MMA) at the GKN Aerospace facility in Garden Grove prompted mandatory evacuations for approximately 50,000 people. As of 10:30 p.m. ET on May 26, all mandatory evacuations have been lifted. The fire suppression system used to cool the chemical containment tanks was deactivated on May 26, and the tanks are no longer considered a threat. While the vapor release remains uncontained, air monitoring has not detected any pollution. Federal and state agencies continue to coordinate response efforts. (FEMA R9 SPOTREP – UPDATE #11, as of 11:04 p.m. ET, May 26).

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R9 SPOTREP – UPDATE #11, as of 11:04 p.m. ET, May 26)

Safety and Security:

- 5 (-15) public schools are impacted and are being used as shelters
- Mandatory evacuations have been lifted.

Food, Hydration, and Shelter:

 (ARC, as of 6:51 a.m. ET, May 27)

- 8 (-1) shelters open / 91 (-321) occupants

Health & Medical:

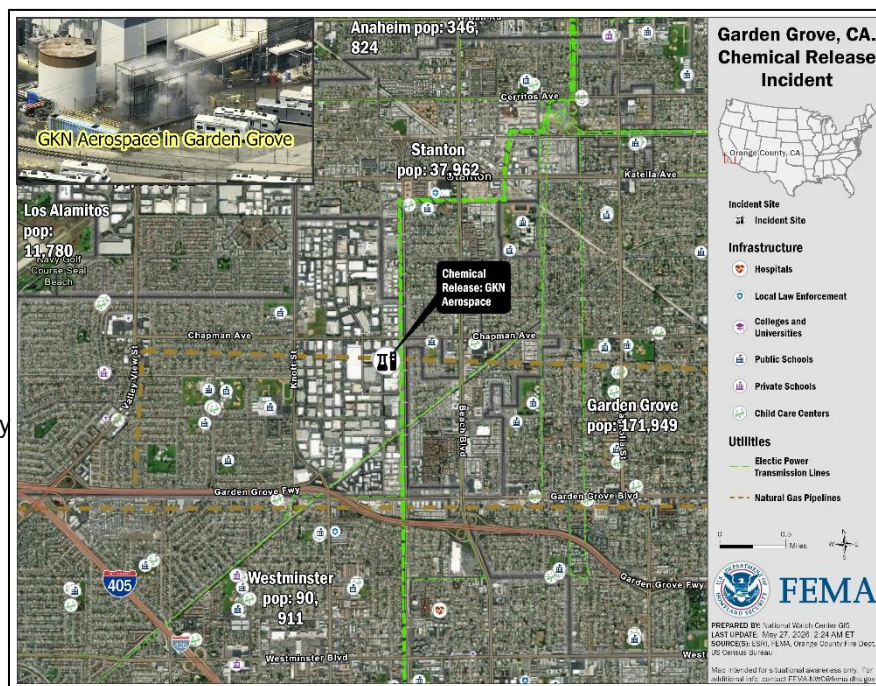
 12 impacted medical facilities; 154 patients remain evacuated

Hazardous Materials:

- A diking system and secondary booms remain in place

State / Local Response: (FEMA R9 SPOTREP – UPDATE #11, as of 11:04 p.m. ET, May 26)

- CA SEOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfires and HAZMAT)
- Governor declared a State of Emergency and requested an Emergency Declaration on May 23
- Emergency Declaration Request approved May 25



NWC GIS, as of 2:35 a.m. ET, May 27

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.

FEMA / Federal Response: (FEMA R9 SPOTREP – UPDATE #11, as of 11:04 p.m. ET, May 26)

FEMA Region 9:

- Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- FEMA R9 FIT acting LNO deployed to SEOC
- Deploying small team to CA SEOC to assist with contingency planning
- FEMA/EPA/State planning group to develop consequence management plans, if needed

HQ:

 NWC is Monitoring

EPA:

- Deployed on-scene coordinators and Environmental Response Team
- 11 (-13) perimeter air monitors in place
- all results to date are non-detection of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)



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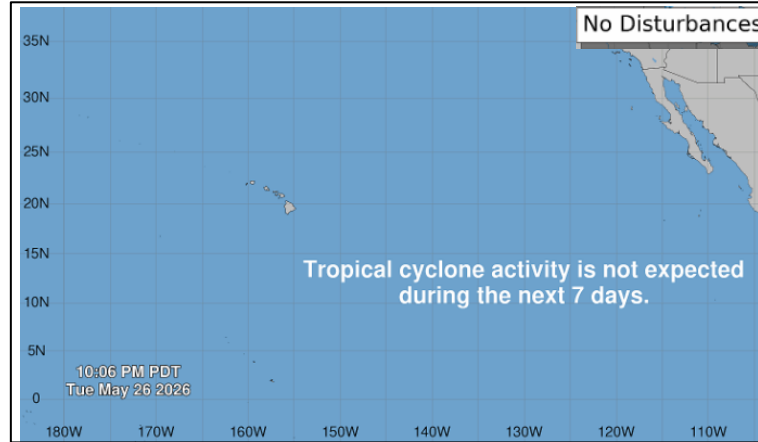
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



- No tropical activity is threatening the U.S. territories

Eastern and Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

Atlantic

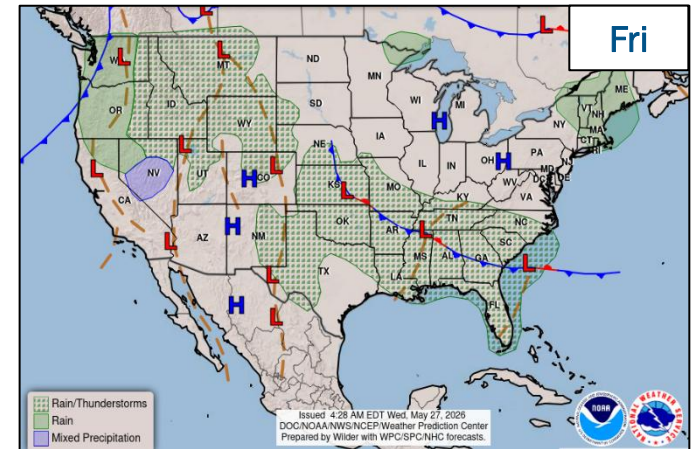
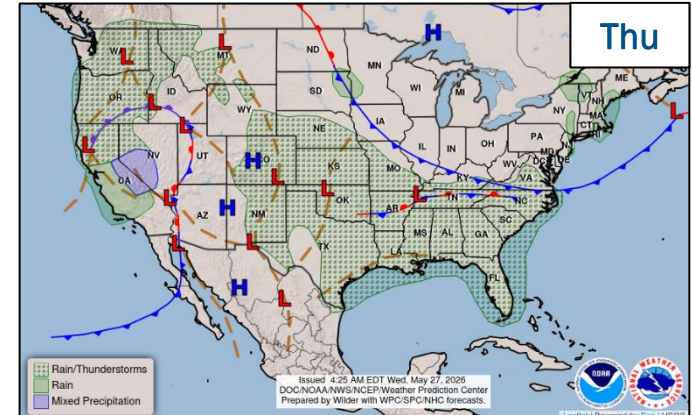
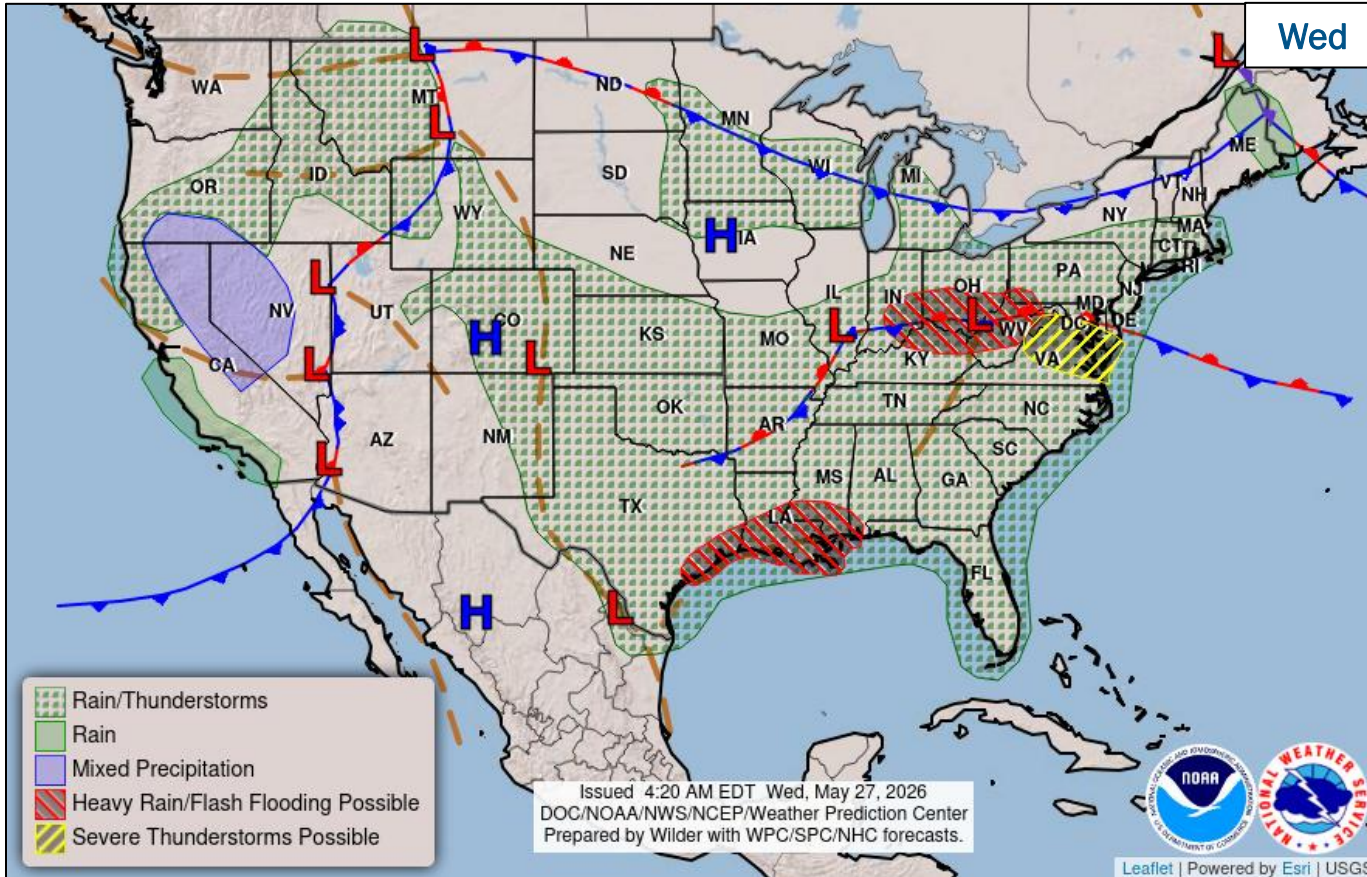


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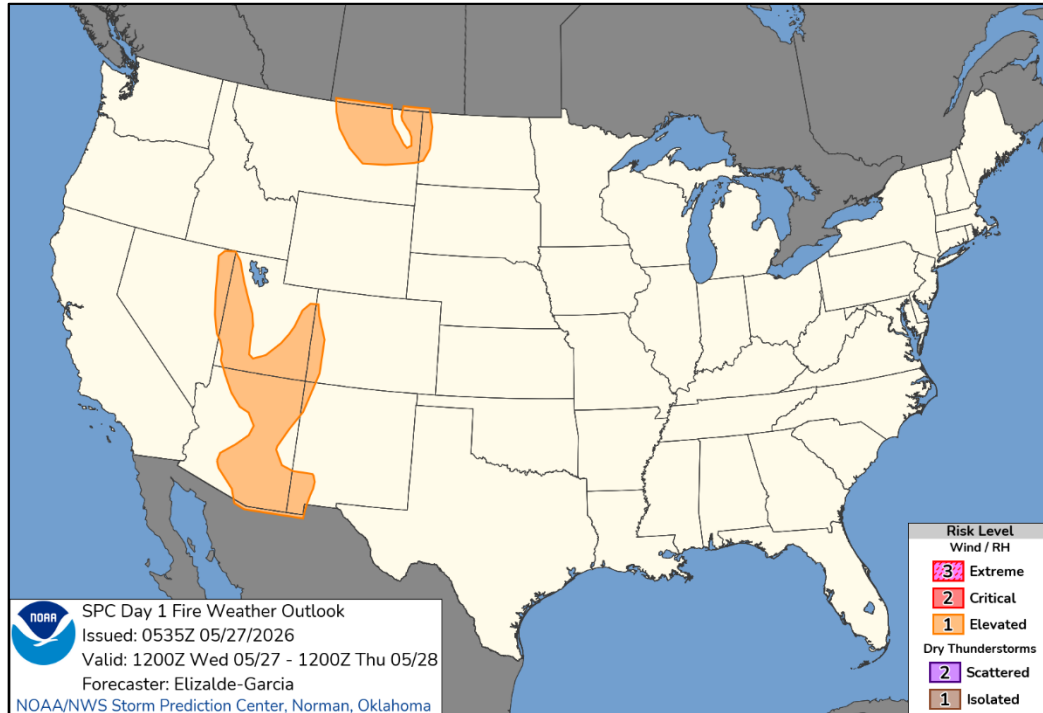
National Weather Forecast



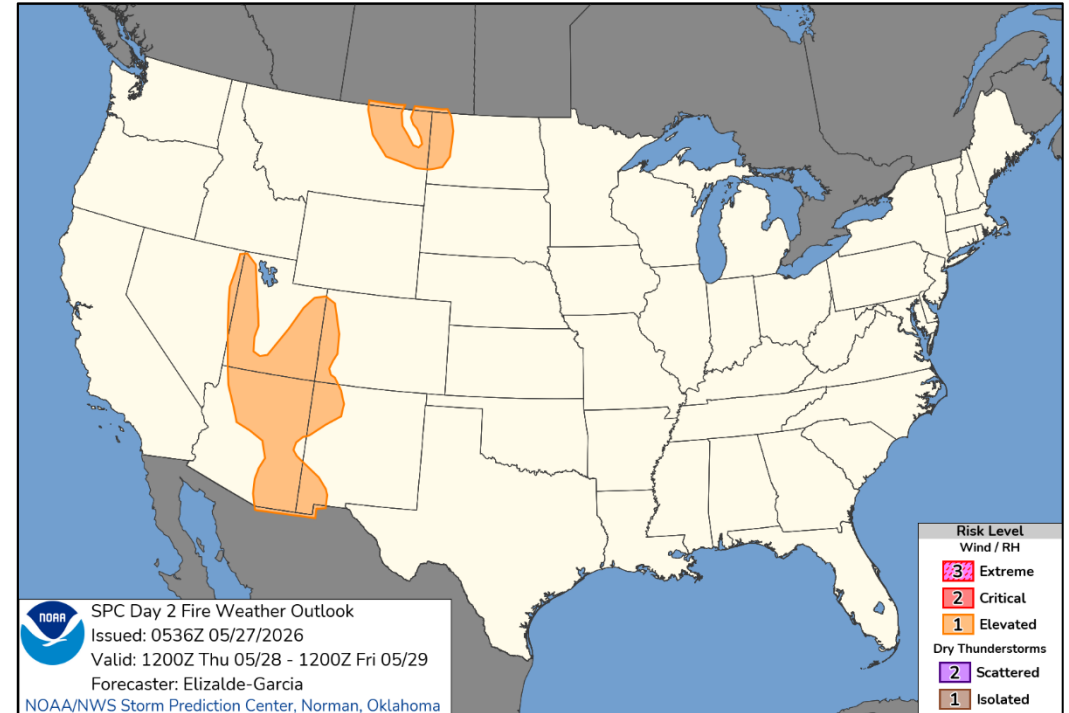
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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National Fire Activity – May 27, 2026

PL 2

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	LIGHT (92 fires)
New Large Fires	1
Large Fires Contained	3
Uncontained Large Fires	15
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	2,398,884
Total Responders	3,177
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



Wildland Fire Information

- NIFC Incident Management Situation Report: Reportable Fires

Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook

- Elevated
- Critical
- Extreme

Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook dry/tg

- Isolated Dry Thunder Storm
- Scattered Dry Thunder Storms

Geographic Area Coordination Centers

Preparedness Level

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

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FEMA Common Operating Picture

FEMA HQ

- NWC
- NRCC

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/KS: Wildfires
 - CA: Wildfires/HAZMAT
 - AL/KY/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

Incident Workforce

19,558 Assigned a Disaster Title

6,408 / 33% Deployed

6,014 / 31% Available to Deploy for 30 Days

7,136 / 36% Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,688 / 0 / 768

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

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REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
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

Alaska

Ice Jam Flooding

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

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

Guam

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

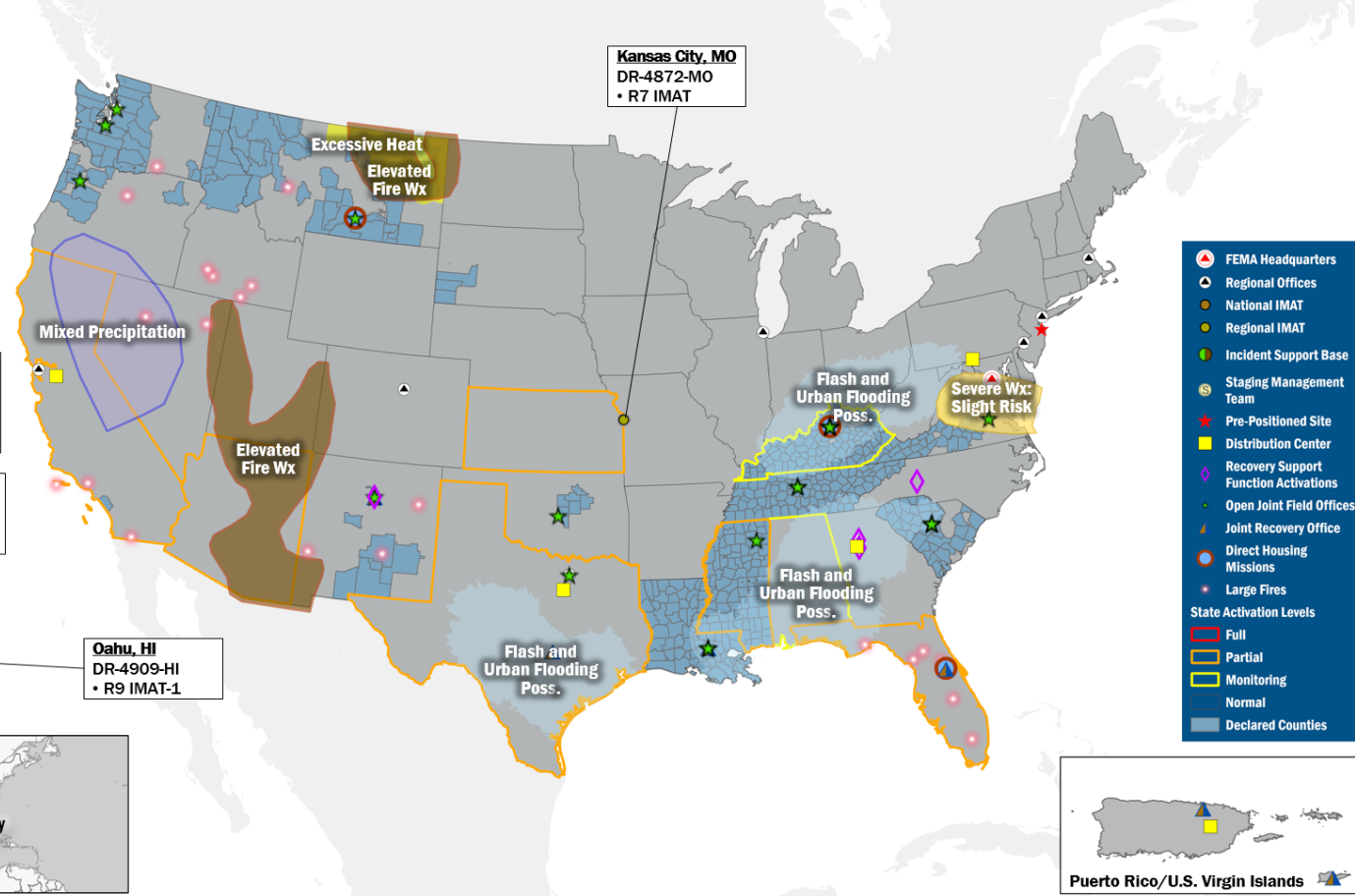
Guam

Flash Flooding Poss.

Hawaii

Oahu, HI
DR-4909-HI
• R9 IMAT-1

No Tropical Activity



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
- MC Region 7
- Region 8
- HI MP Region 9
- Region 10

Commodities & Equipment

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

Stockage levels are based on catastrophic planning factors by location.

Logistics Staffing

CONUS	Distribution Centers		Staff	Housing	Staff
	DC Tracy, CA	70%	THSS Selma, AL	65%	
	DC Atlanta, GA	80%	THSS Cumberland, MD	73%	
	DC Fort Worth, TX	54%			
	DC Greencastle, PA	89%			
OCONUS	DC Guam	85%	Winchester, VA (DISC)	81%	
	DC Hawaii	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	21 (13 FCO)
Available	12

Legend

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

Disaster Request – Missouri

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – MO

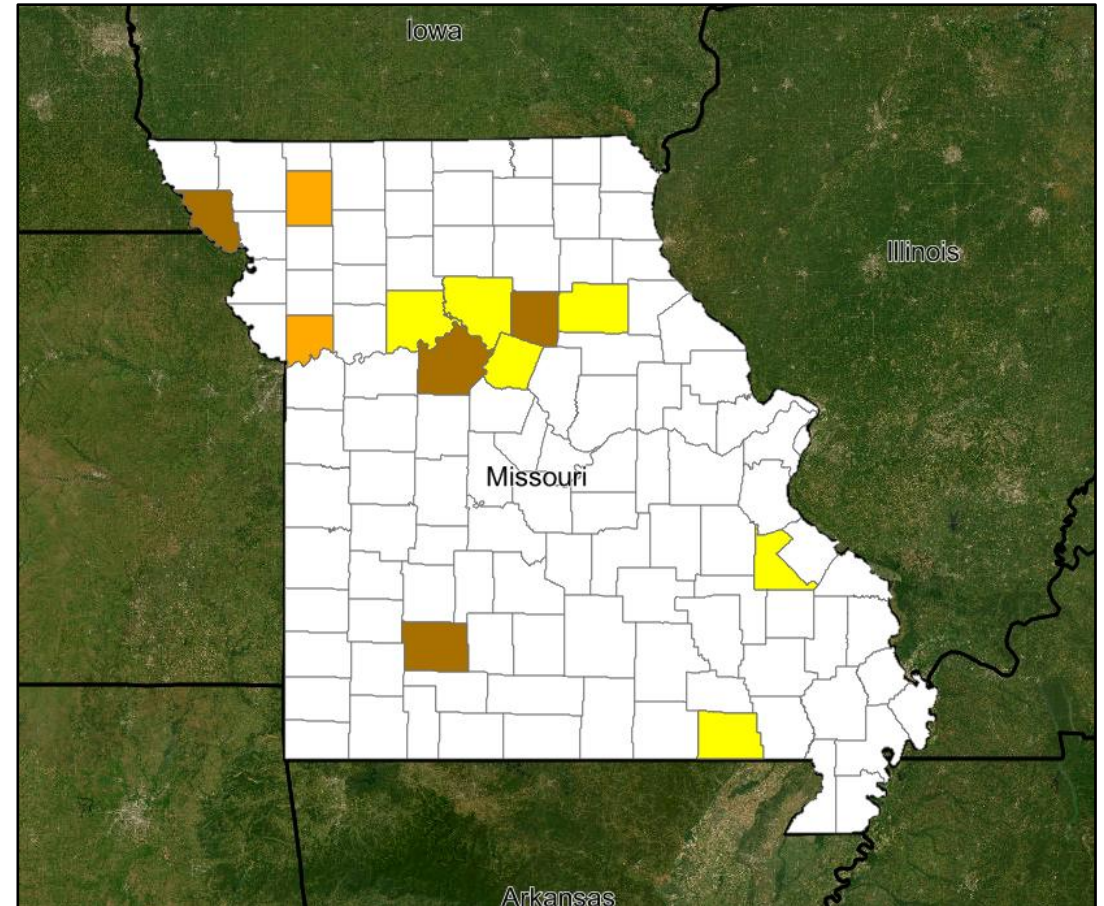
Date Requested: May 22

Incident: Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Incident Period: April 23-28

Requested:

- **IA/PA:** 4 counties
- **IA:** 2 counties
- **PA:** 6 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



- IA/PA
- IA
- PA



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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	44 (+31)	5/12 - 5/22
			PA	37 (+37)	17 (+17)	5/26 - TBD
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 ¹ – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Nov 26
SCA ¹ – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Dec 15
NVK ² – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Remnants of Typhoon Halong	DR		X	X	Jan 11
KY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 5
FPA & ST ³ – Severe Storm and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 11
CTM ⁴ – Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 12
FBIC ⁵ – Severe Storms and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 13
GA – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 12
CN ⁶ – 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

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



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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 ⁷ – 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 ⁸ – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Apr 22
PoA ⁹ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 23
LLBO ¹⁰ – 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
MO – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	May 22

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



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