FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, November 26, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET

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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents, Operations, Events:

- Coastal Storm – Coastal Mid-Atlantic
- Direct Federal Assistance to the U.S. Army – Iowa – FINAL

Hazard Monitoring:

- Winter Weather: Middle Mississippi Valley to Northeast
- Tropical Activity:
  - Central Pacific: Disturbance 1 (CP96): Low (10%)

Coastal Storm – Coastal Mid-Atlantic

DE:
MD:
NJ:
NY:

Situation: A powerful coastal storm will affect FEMA Regions 1, 2, and 3, with peak impacts expected to occur today. Moderate to major coastal flooding is possible in central and southern New Jersey and southern Long Island. Rainfall of 1 to 3 inches, with localized totals of 3 to 5 inches, may cause urban and poor-drainage flooding. Wind gusts of 50 to 60 mph are expected inland, with gusts up to 70 mph along the coast. Coastal Flood Watches and Warnings and High Wind Warnings remain in effect through Friday afternoon. *(R2 SPOTREP, as of 10:54 p.m. ET, Nov. 25)*

Potential Hazards: *(R2 SPOTREP, as of 10:54 p.m. ET, Nov. 25)*

- Eroded areas vulnerable to coastal flooding.
- Isolated to scattered power outages are possible.
- Downed trees and power lines may result in road closures.
- Strong winds may create flying debris and turn unsecured objects into projectiles.

State / Local Response: *(R2 SPOTREP, as of 10:54 p.m. ET, Nov. 25; R3 SPOTREP, as of 4:47 a.m. ET, Nov 26)*

FEMA Region 2:

- NJ SEOC is Monitoring (Coastal Storm); NY SEOC is at Normal Operations
  - Governors declared State of Emergency

FEMA Region 3:

- DE SEOC is Monitoring (Coastal Storm)
- MD SEOC is Monitoring (Coastal Storm)

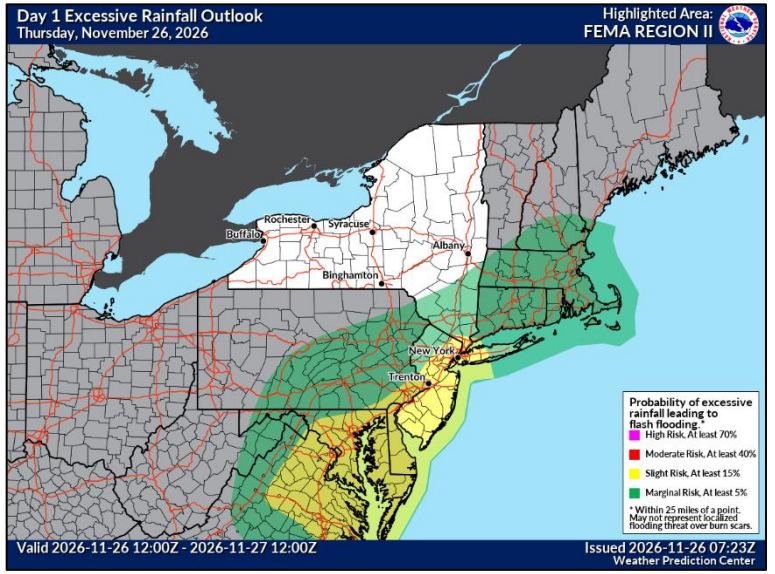
Federal / FEMA Response: *(R2 SLB, as of 2:02 p.m. ET, Nov 25; R3 SPOTREP, as of 4:47 a.m. ET, Nov 26)*

FEMA Region 1: Watch is Monitoring, will activate to Enhanced at 10:00 a.m. ET (Day Shift Only; Coastal Storm); RRCC is at Steady State; R-IMAT is Available

FEMA Region 2: RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Activated (Day Shift Only; Coastal Storm); R-IMAT is Available

FEMA Region 3: RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Activated (Coastal Storm); R-IMAT is Available

HQ: NWC is Enhanced Watch (Direct Federal Assistance to the U.S. Army); NRCC is Rostered



FEMA will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Regions 1, 2, and 3, with continued reporting in the National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. / 3:00 a.m. ET) and Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).

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Direct Federal Assistance to the U.S. Army – Iowa – FINAL

IA:

Situation: At 10:00 a.m. ET on November 25, U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel conducted a controlled, on-site detonation of approximately 10,000 pounds of degraded lead azide at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown, IA. Two visible plumes were observed and dissipated shortly after the detonation. As of 3:00 p.m. ET on November 25, EPA air sampling and monitoring downwind of the plant identified no lead detections of concern. Post-event water, soil, dust, and air sampling are ongoing. All lifelines remain green. *(Open-source media, as of 2:00 p.m. ET, Nov. 25; EPA, as of 3:00 p.m. ET, Nov 25; R7 SLB, as of 7:38 p.m. ET, Nov. 25)*

Lifeline Impacts: *(R7 SLB, as of 7:38 p.m. ET, Nov 25)*

Safety & Security: Federal partners continue sampling

- ESF-3 conducted pre-detonation sampling and Right-of-Entry (ROE) collection activities based on the anticipated plume model
- ROE collection on private property within a five-mile radius of the detonation site will continue

Food, Hydration, Shelter: FEMA and VOADS provided shelter and food

- 30 households contacted the hotline to request support

HAZMAT: Federal partners are monitoring environmental impacts

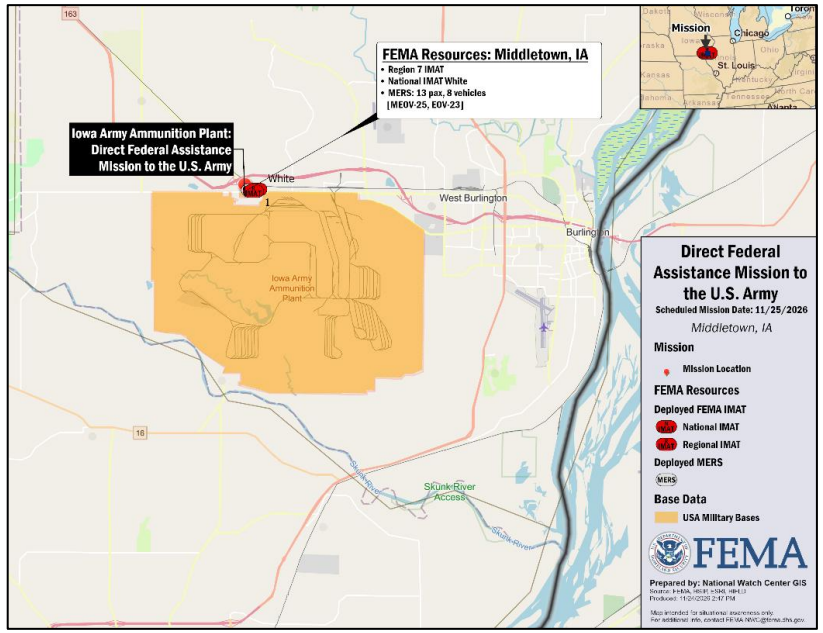
- EPA and partner sampling teams are assessing potential lead azide impacts to air, water, soil, and surfaces
- NOAA/NWS launched 62 weather balloons from 11 sites near Middletown, IA, from November 24 to 25, providing hourly upper-atmosphere wind and weather data to support Army, state, and local operations

State / Local Response:

Region 5: IL SEOC is at Partial Activation (DFA to the U.S. Army)

Region 7: IA and MO SEOCs are at Normal Operations

- FEMA-3661-EM-IA was approved on November 24
- The National Guard completed canvassing of 381 residences: 180 residents planned to shelter in place, 38 planned to self-evacuate, and 163 residences did not respond *(R7 SLB, as of 7:38 p.m. ET, Nov 25)*



The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 5 and 7.
Pending any significant developments, this will be the final report.

FEMA / Federal Response:

Region 5: Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered

Region 7: Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT is deployed to Middletown, IA

HQ:

- National Watch Center is at Enhanced (DFA to the U.S. Army); NRCC is rostered
- N-IMAT White is deployed to Middletown, IA
- Denver MERS assets are deployed to Middletown, IA

Other Federal Agencies: *(R7 SLB, as of 7:38 p.m. ET, Nov 25)*

HHS/ASPR: Deployed seven personnel, including CDC representation, to provide public health and emergency-management support.

EPA: Deployed 43 response resources, including 38 sampling teams, one command-and-control element, and four remote particulate air-sampling devices

USACE: Deployed 32 personnel to coordinate with eight OFAs and support blast-mitigation efforts under their respective authorities

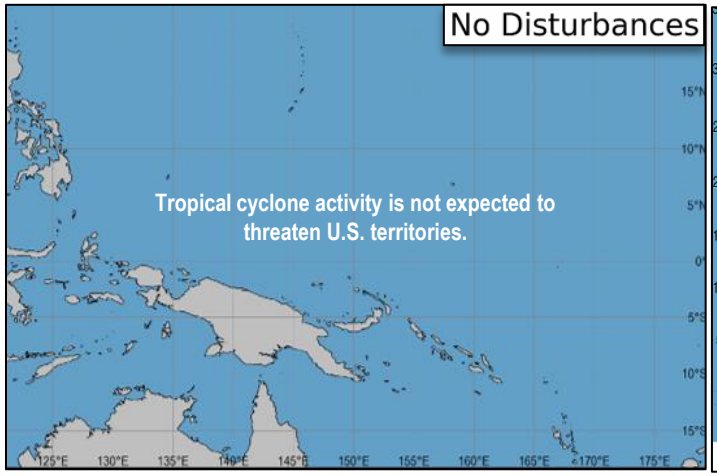
DoW: Deployed Defense Coordinating Element personnel to support coordination efforts in Iowa

NWS: Deployed 1 personnel member

NOAA and Army meteorologists: Coordinating to provide weather information, forecasting, and modeling support before, during, and after the detonation

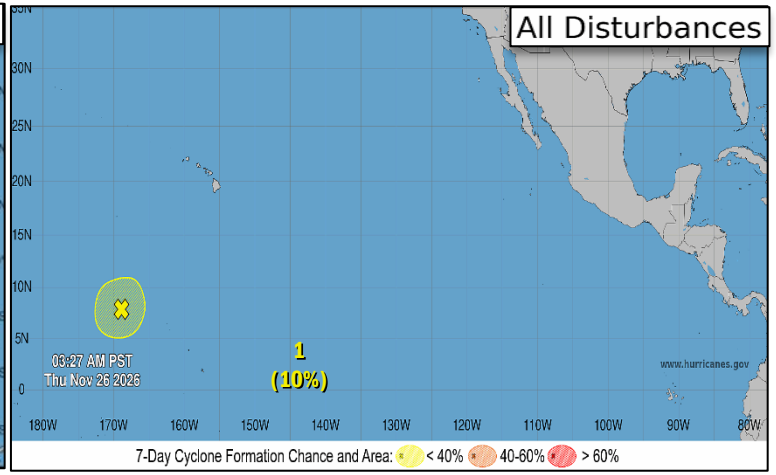
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



- Tropical cyclone activity is not expected to threaten U.S. territories

Central and Eastern Pacific



Disturbance 1 (CP96): *(as of 7:00 a.m. ET)*

- Located over a thousand miles SW of Hawaii
- Environmental conditions are expected to become increasingly unfavorable over the next day or so, making further development unlikely
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (10%)

Atlantic

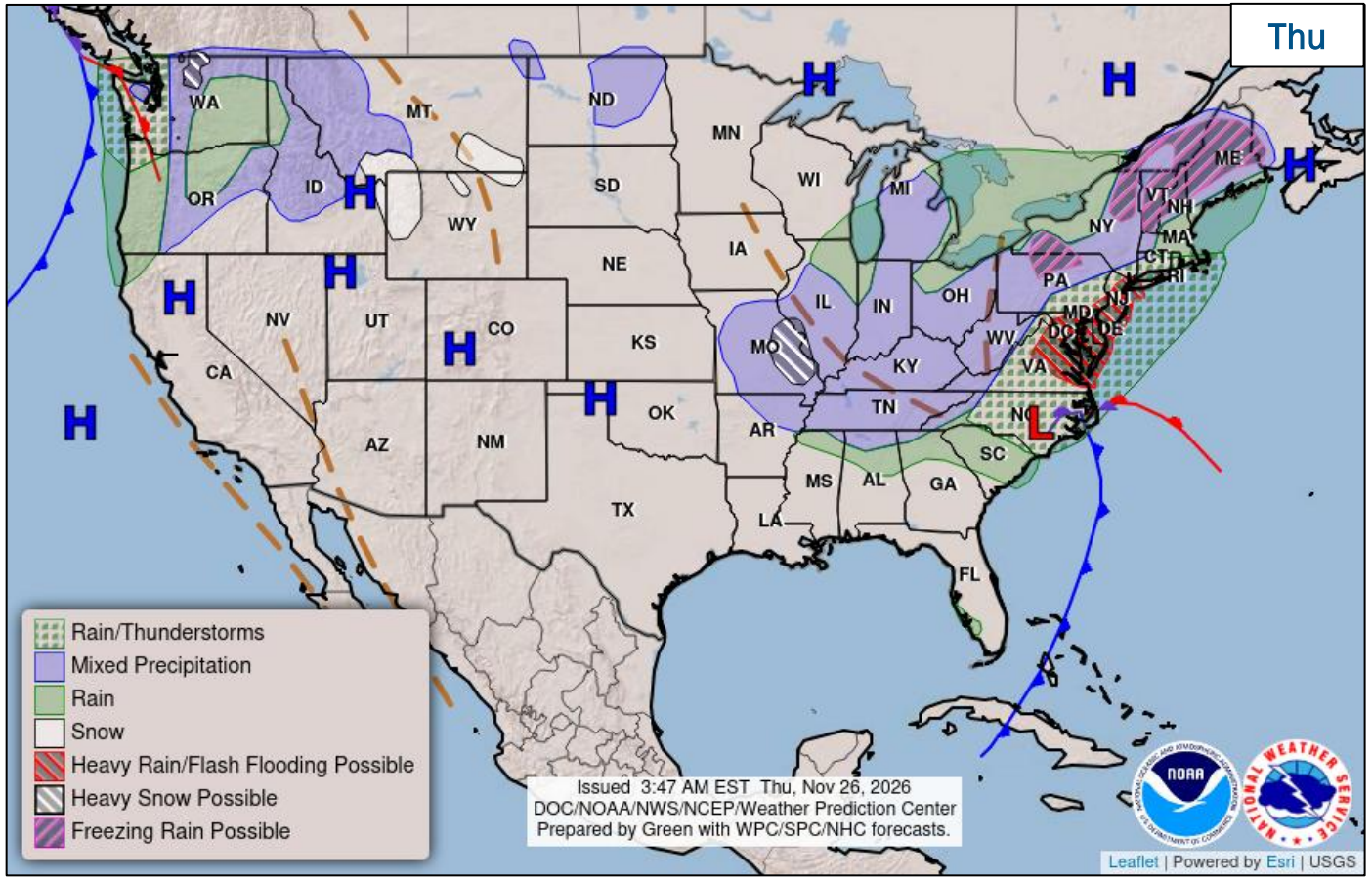


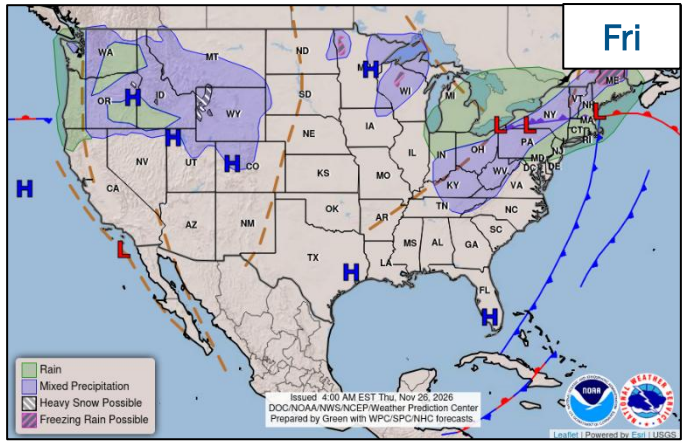
- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

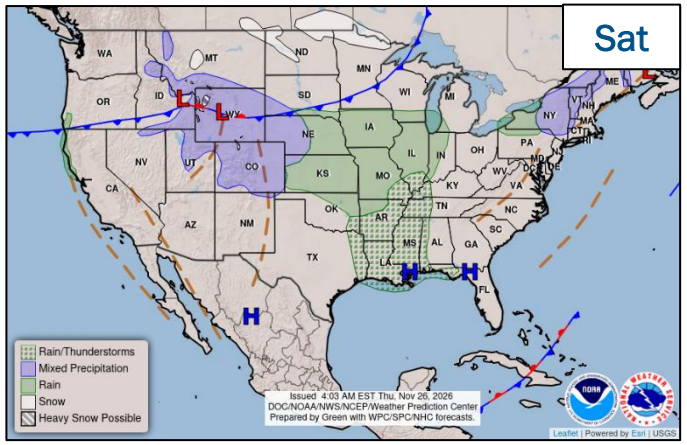
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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Incident Workforce

18,660	5,366/ 29%	5,851 / 31%	7,443 / 40%	Surge Capacity Force 7,858 / 0 / 785	Thursday November 26, 2026 8:30 a.m. ET
Assigned a Disaster Title	Deployed	Available to Deploy for 30 Days	Remaining	Rostered / Deployed / Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days	

National Readiness

National Watch Center	
NRCC	
N-IMAT Red	
N-IMAT White	IA
N-IMAT Blue	
N-IMAT Gold	
N-IMAT HS	

National Notes

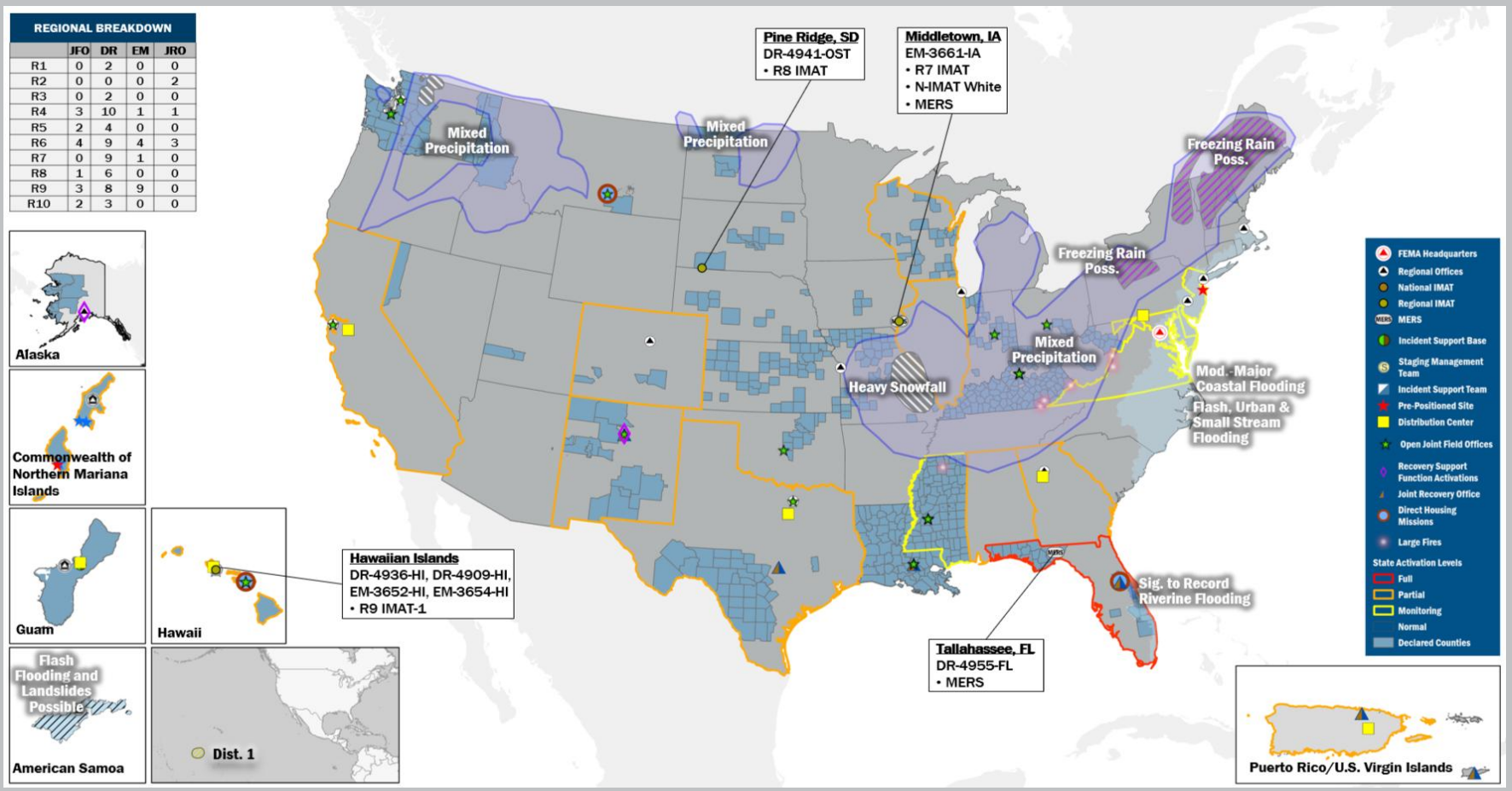
National Watch Center:
- Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) to the U.S. Army

NRCC:
- Steady State

National IMATs:
- N-IMAT Red: Staffing
- N-IMAT White: DFA to the U.S. Army
- N-IMAT Blue: Staffing

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	2	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	0	2	0	0
R4	3	10	1	1
R5	2	4	0	0
R6	4	9	4	3
R7	0	9	1	0
R8	1	6	0	0
R9	3	8	9	0
R10	2	3	0	0



Regional Readiness

	Watch	RRCC	IMAT
Region 1			2
Region 2			
Region 3			1
Region 4			
Region 5			3
Region 6			
Region 7			IA
Region 8			OST
Region 9			HI
Region 10			

Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:
- R5 Watch: Staffing
- R2 RRCC: Coastal Storm
- R3 RRCC: Coastal Storm
- R7 RRCC: DFA to the U.S. Army

IMATs:
- R1: Staffing
- R4-1: Staffing
- R4-2: Demobilizing
- R5: Staffing
- R7: Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) to the U.S. Army
- R8: 4941-DR-OST
- R9-1: 4909-DR-HI/4936-DR-HI/3654-EM-HI
- R9-2: Staffing
- R10: Staffing

State EOCs:
- TX: Severe Weather
- MP: TC Bavi/Saudel/Champi
- PR: Drought
- HI: Tropical Activity
- AL/FL/MS: TC Isaias
- WI: DR-4949 Support
- CO/GA/NM: Flooding
- CA: Winter Storms/King Tides
- IL: DFA to the U.S. Army
- NJ: Coastal Storm
- MD/DE: Severe Weather

Legend

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

Commodities & Equipment

	CONUS	Caribbean	Hawaii	Guam
Water				
Meals				
Generators				

SMT

Operational	11/11
Requires Augmentation	3/11
Deployed	0/11

MERS Det.

29/30 Operational

Maynard	5/5
Frederick	5/5
Thomasville	5/5
Denton	5/5
Denver	5/5
Bothell	4/5

US&R

Task Forces

Assigned	28
Non-FEMA Deployed	0
FEMA-Deployed	0
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	28
FEMA Support Staff	11/21

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Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	32 (27 FCOR)
Available	4

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