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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, August 06, 2016

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Weather Hazards: Excessive heat warnings in N LA and sm AR.

Heavy rain/flash flooding possible over NM. Heat advisories E TX/OK, W AR, and SE LA.

Day 1 Weather Hazards: Isolated strong tsrms over NE NM and AR.

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Key Points

Today

- Areas of heavy rain/flash flooding possible over NM.
- There is a marginal risk of strong/severe thunderstorms across NE NM and much of AR.
- Excessive heat warnings in effect for N LA and parts of srn AR.
- Heat Advisories are in effect for parts of E TX/SE OK, W AR, and SE LA.

Sunday through Wednesday

- Afternoon heat index values approaching 105+ degrees continue over eastern parts of FEMA Region 6.
- Isolated/scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms possible each afternoon across much of the region except TX. Widespread severe weather/flooding is not expected but isolated flash flooding remains possible over NM through Sunday.

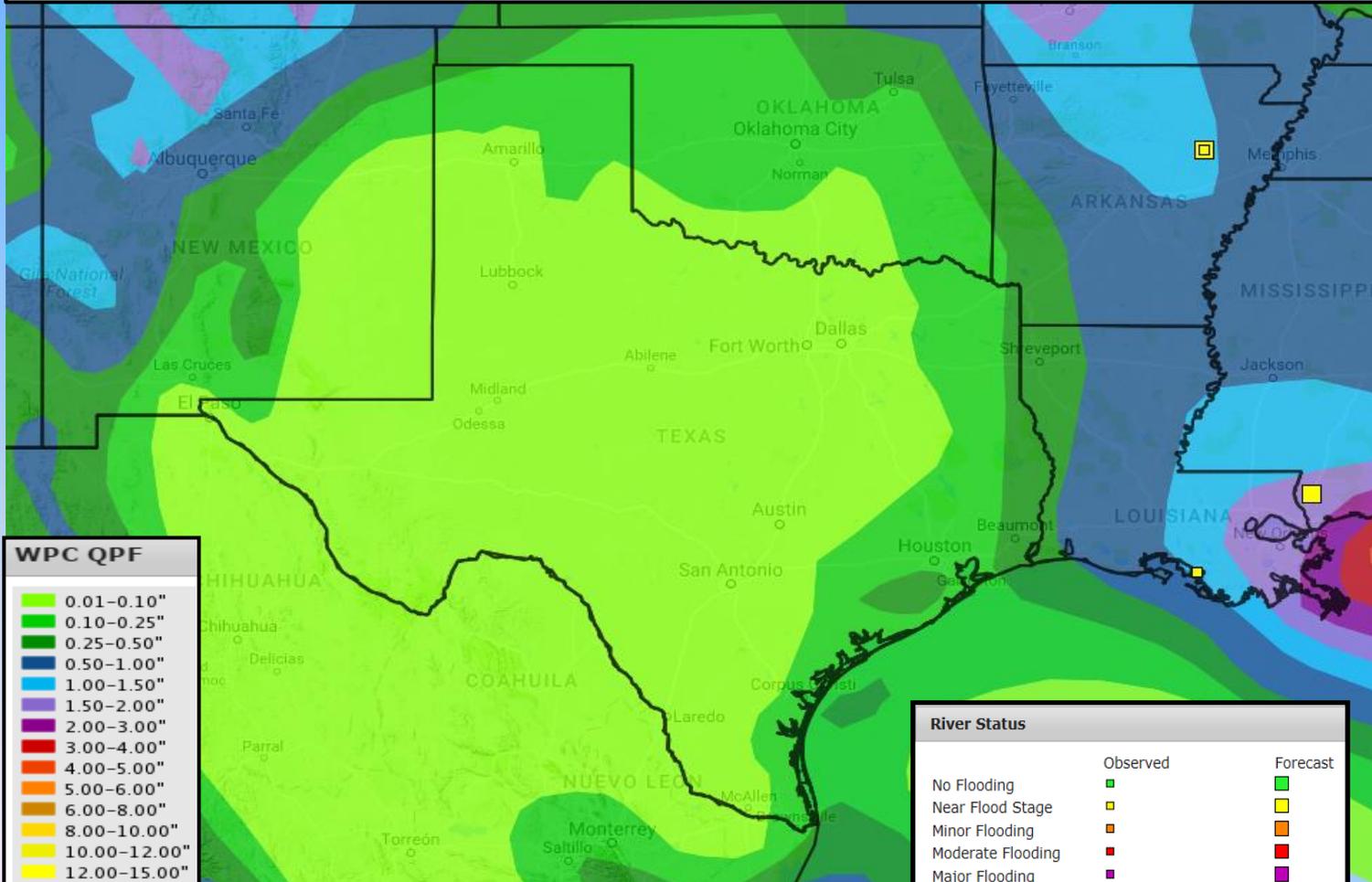
Tropical Outlook

- An area of low pressure over the northeast Gulf of Mexico has a low chance of development into a tropical cyclone as it meanders near the coast of the Florida panhandle. A second wave near Puerto Rico is expected to move toward Bermuda with no current impacts to FEMA Region IV.
- No impacts to FEMA Region 6.

River Flood Status/5 Day Forecast Rainfall

No significant river flooding is occurring or expected.

Daily rainfall over NM may lead to some flash flooding, but river flooding is not expected at this time. No significant rainfall/flooding expected elsewhere.



Disclaimer:
Although this image shows the next 5 days of expected rainfall, river forecasts only incorporate 1-2 days worth of precipitation.

See <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/rfcexp/main.php?fs=1> for the latest on river flooding

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Aug 6, 2016 - Aug 10, 2016

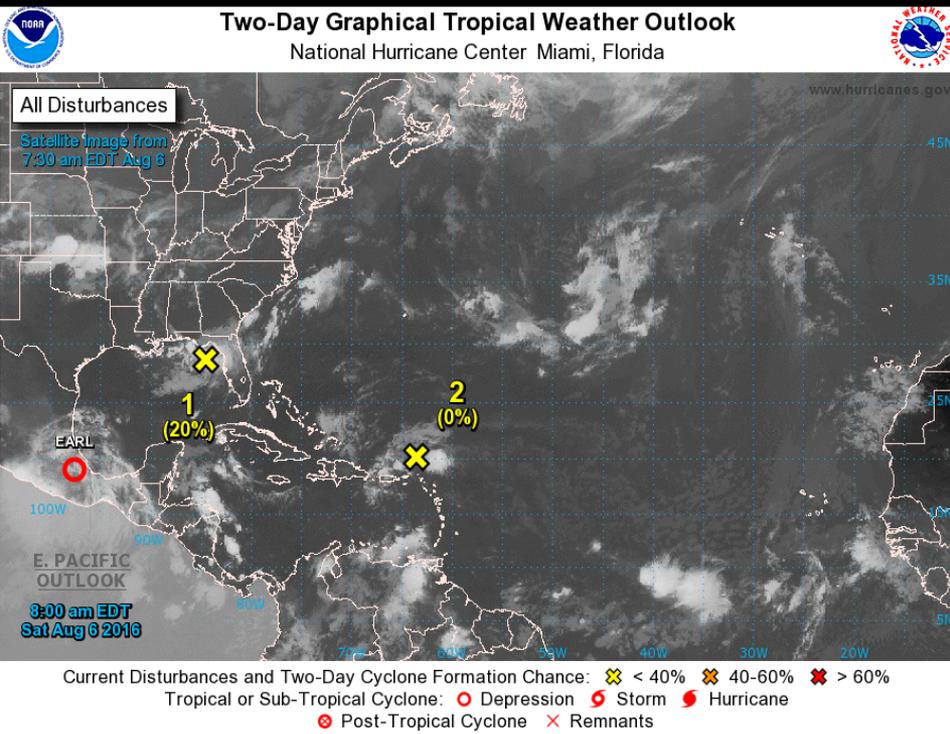
DAY/ THREAT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Severe Weather	NE NM/AR				
Heavy Rain/ Flash Flooding	NM →				
Fire Weather					
Heat	E TX/OK, W AR, SE LA	AR, LA, E TX/OK			
	N LA/AR				
River Flooding					

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For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



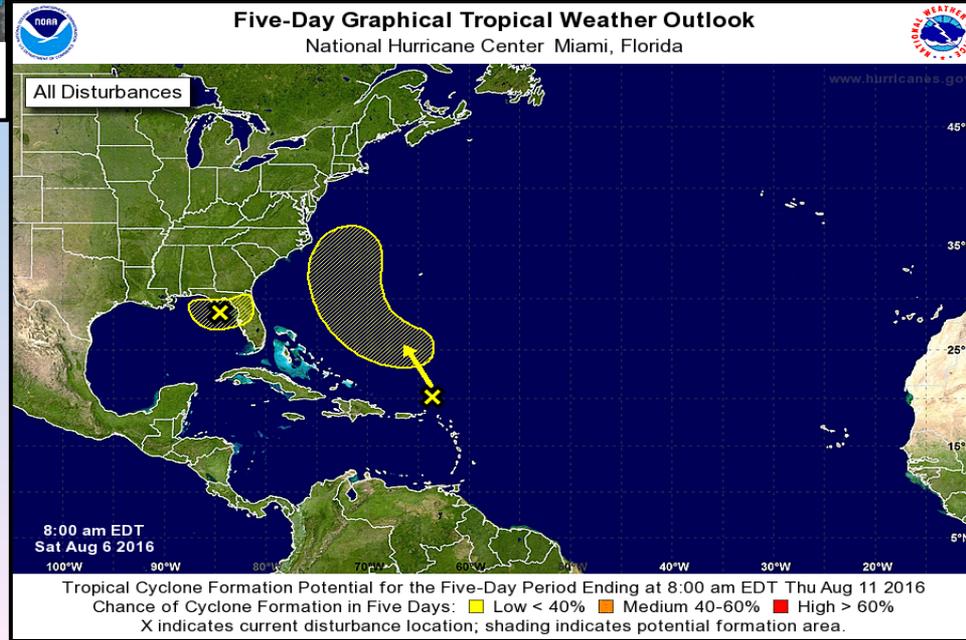
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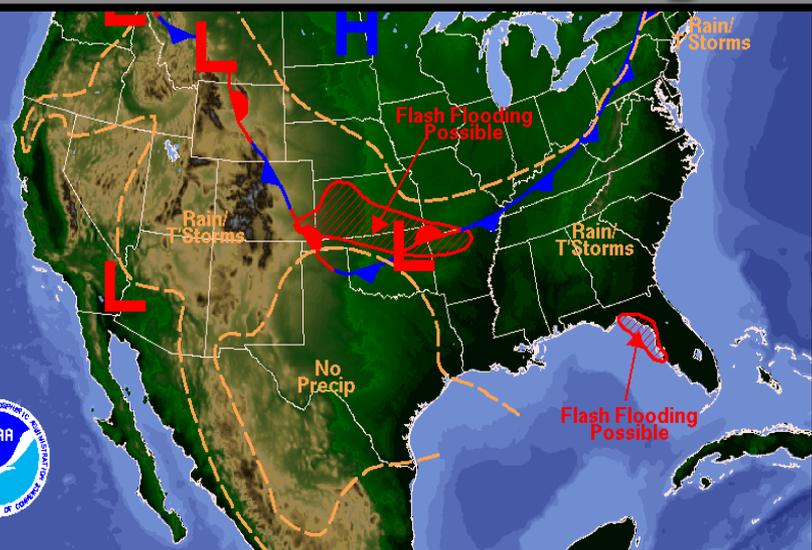
Area of low pressure over the northeast Gulf of Mexico has a low chance of developing into a tropical cyclone as it slowly meanders near the coast of the Florida panhandle during the next few days. No impacts to FEMA Region 6.

Formation chance through 48 hours...low...near 20 percent.

Formation chance through 5 days...low...30 percent.



Today's Weather

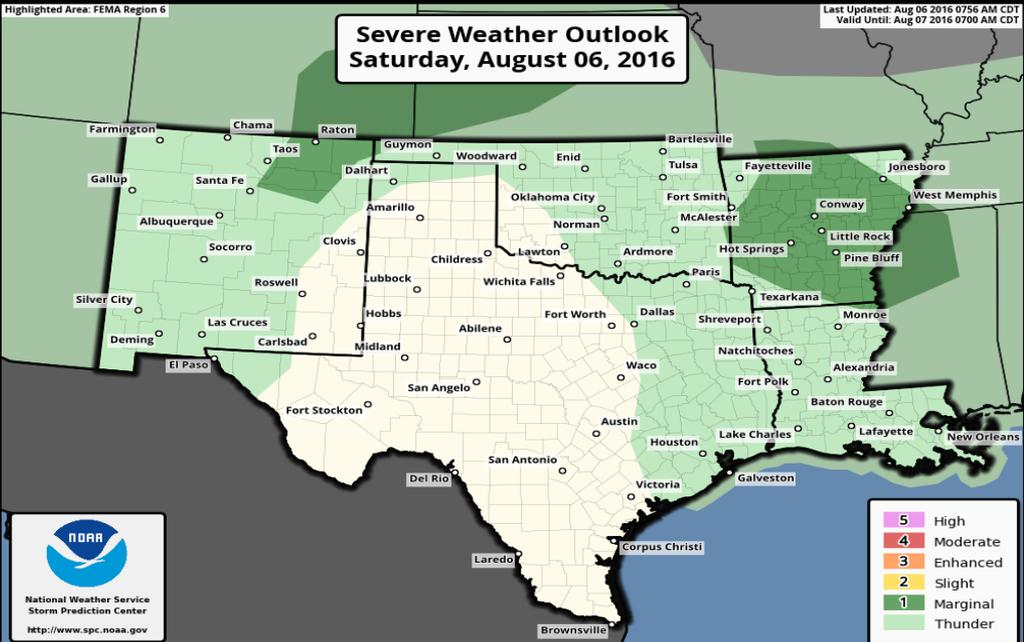
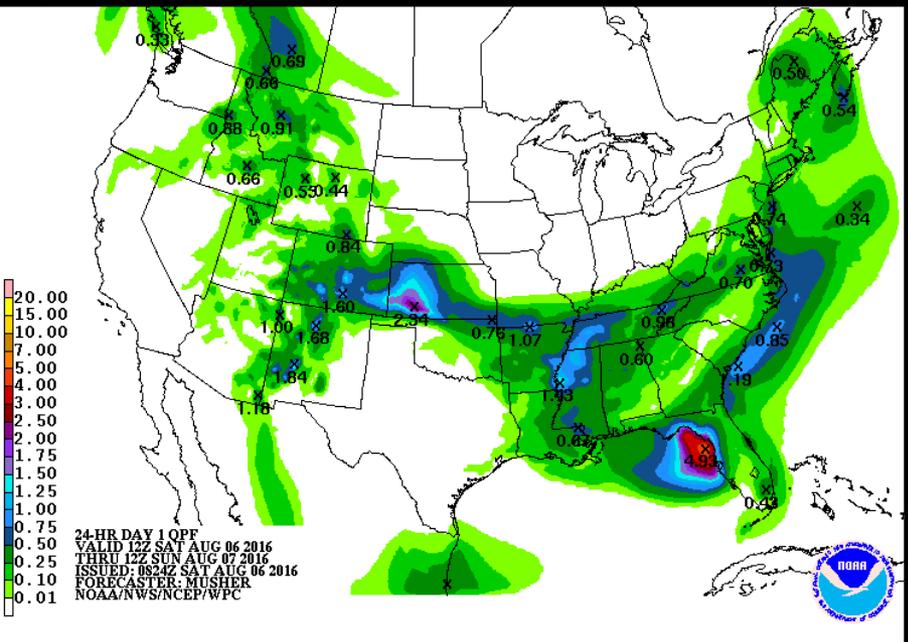


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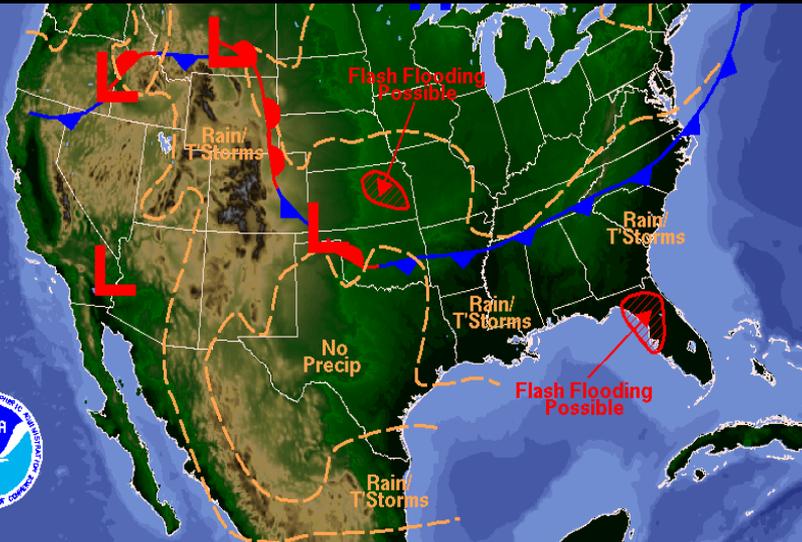
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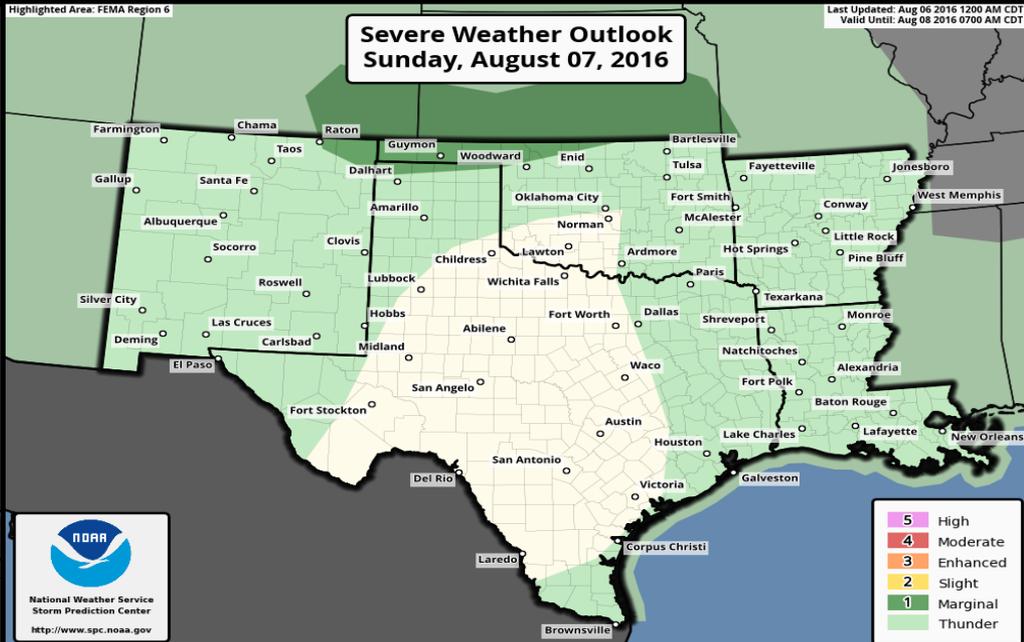
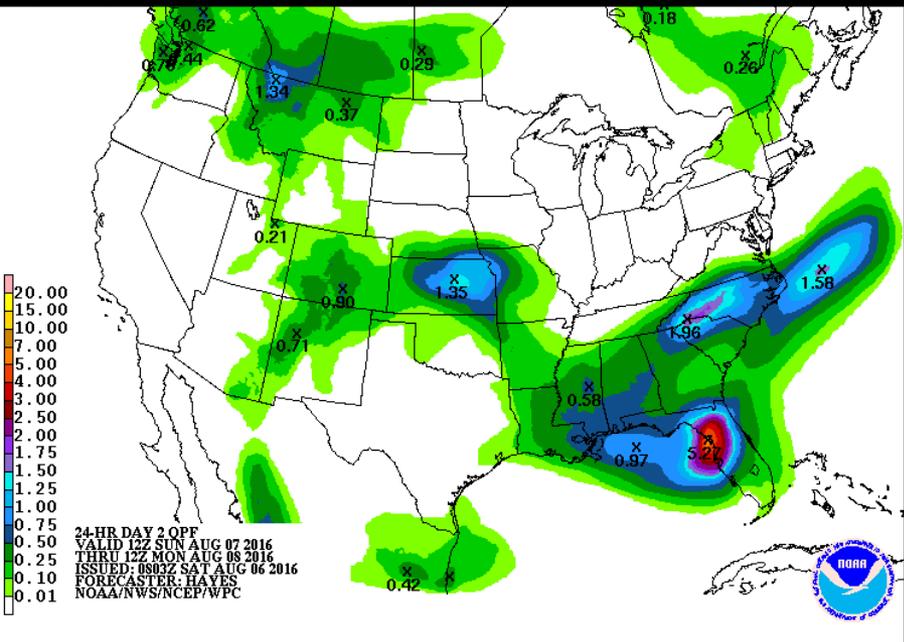


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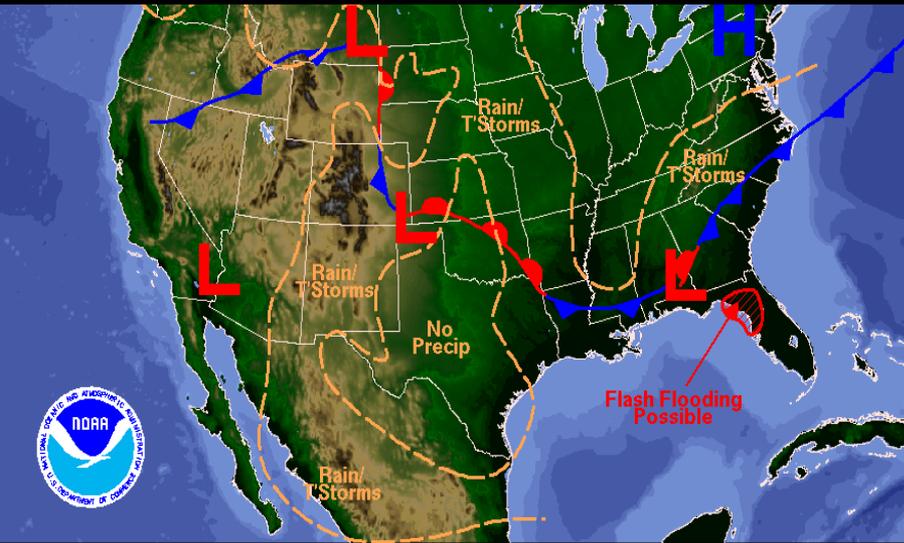


Areas of flash flooding possible over NM. Afternoon heat index values of 105+ degrees E TX/OK, LA/AR.

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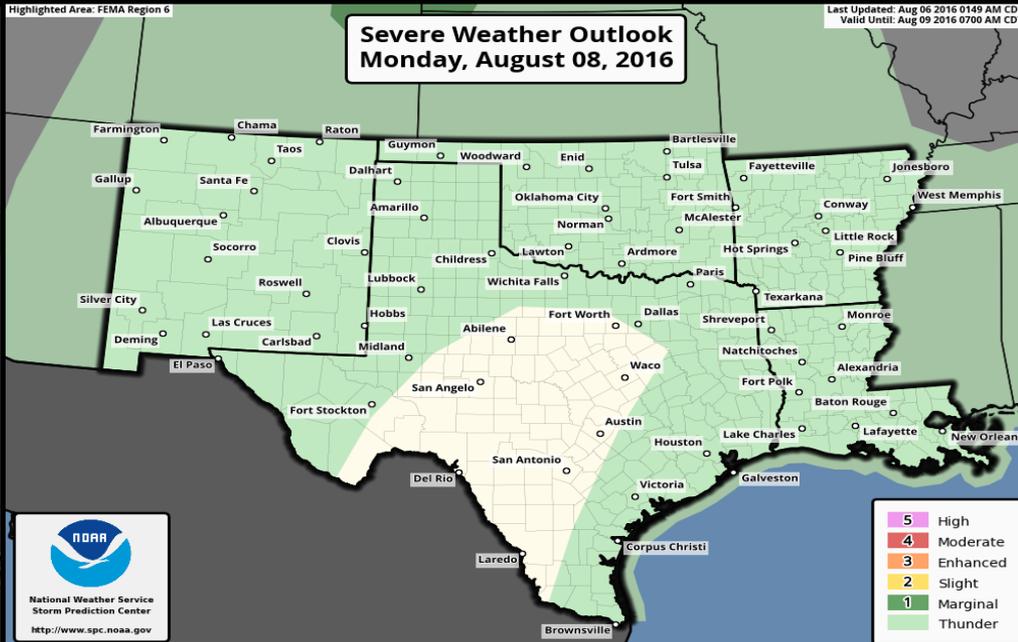
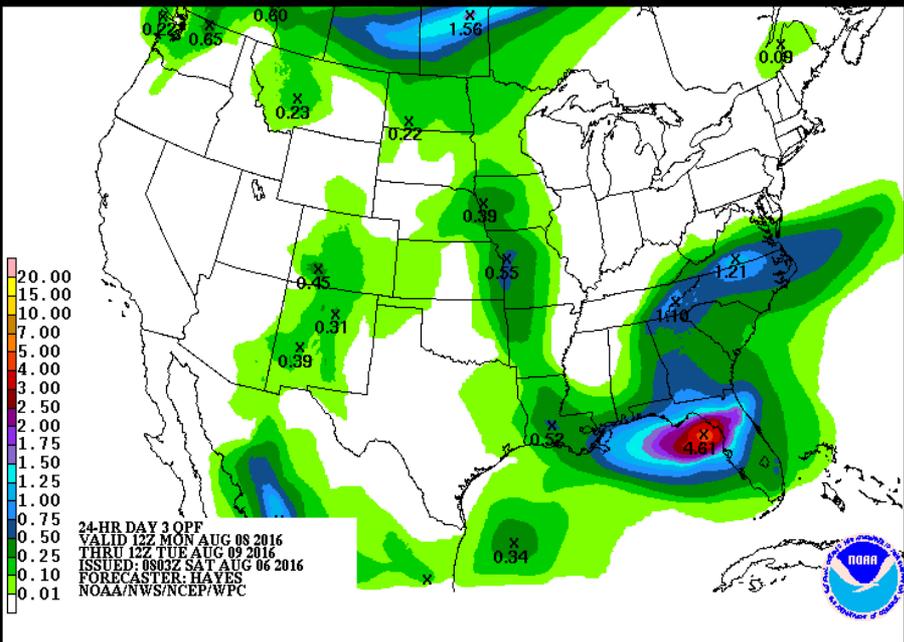


Monday's Weather



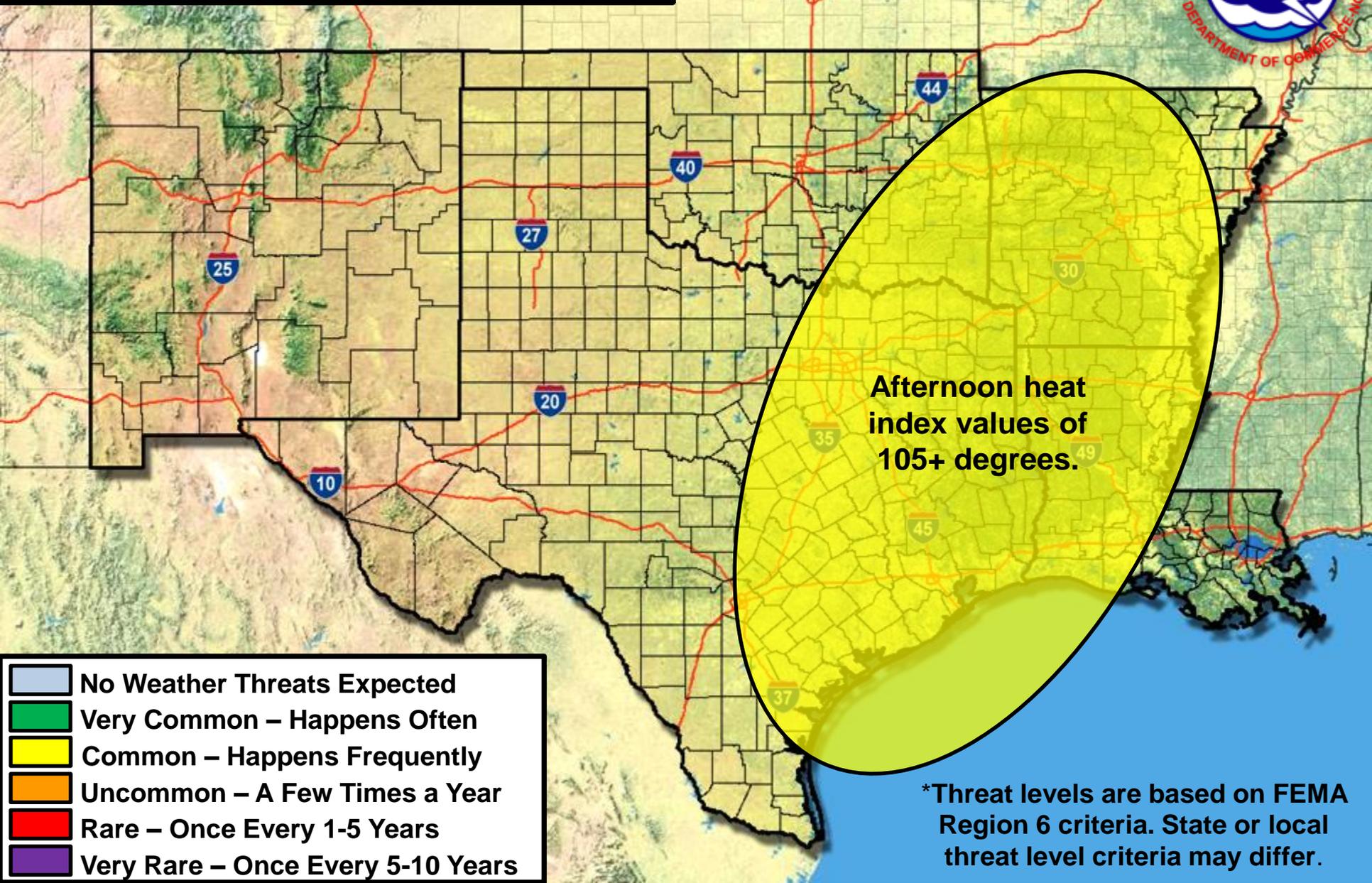
Afternoon heat index values of 105+ degrees E TX/OK, LA/AR.

Weather Forecast for Mon, Aug 08, 2016, issued 4:37 AM EDT Sat, Aug 06, 2016
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Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Tue - 0800 Thu



Afternoon heat index values of 105+ degrees.

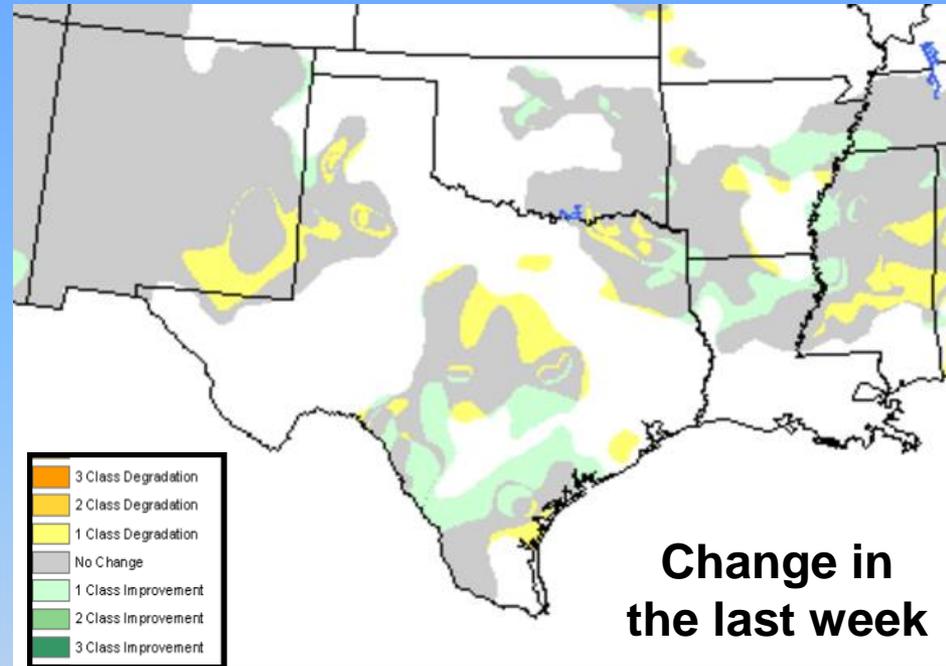
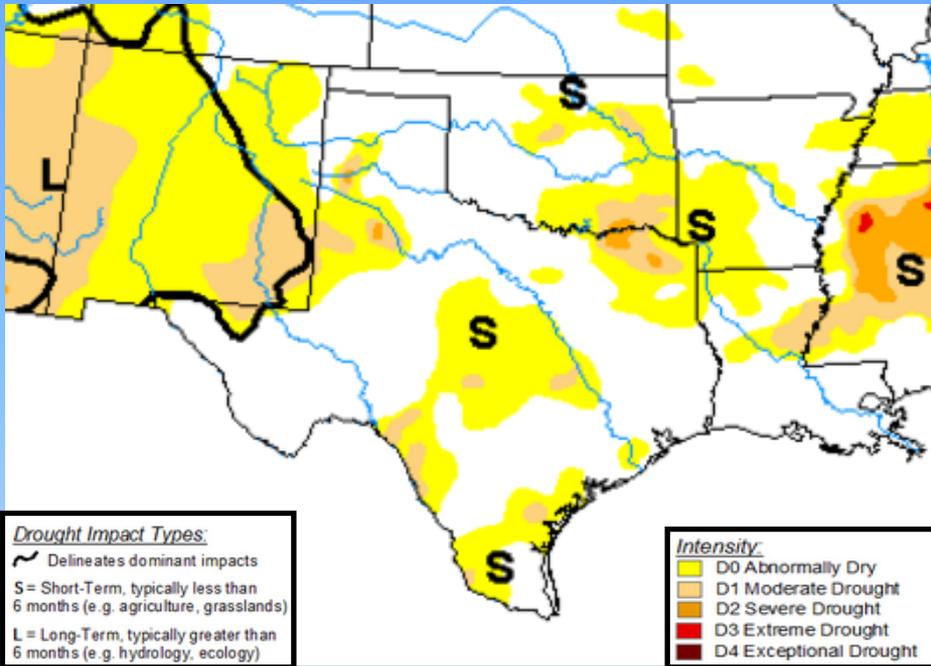
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Drought Monitor Released July 28, 2016

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Thursday August 04, 2016



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)				
State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

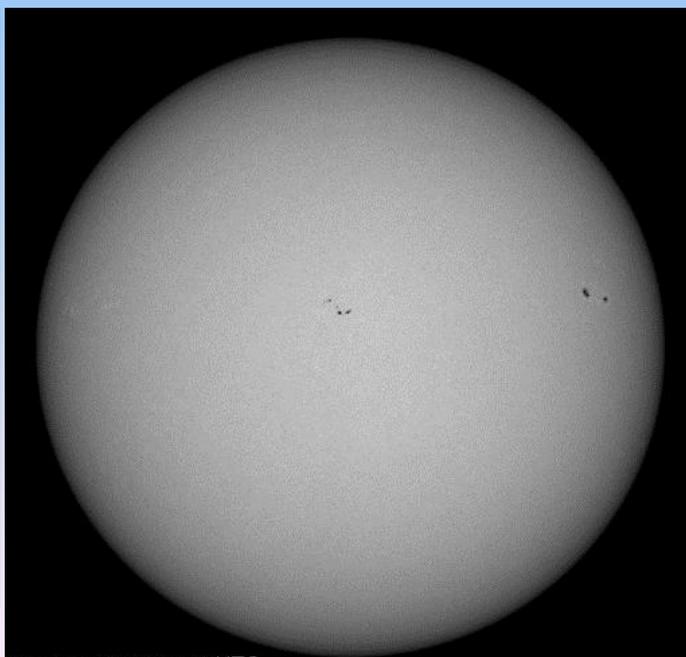
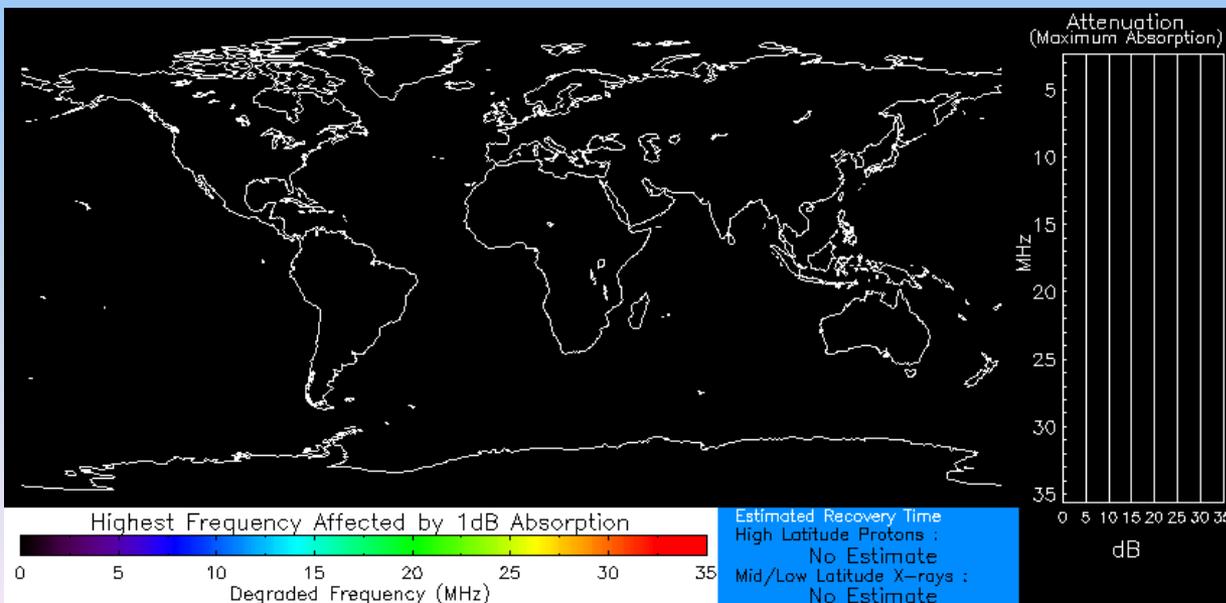
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Minor (G1) storm (Max Kp = 5)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<p>Very Common</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property</p> <p>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>	<p>Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC</p> <p>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas</p> <p>Tropical: None</p> <p>Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	<p>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property</p> <p>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Slight Risk from SPC</p> <p>Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas</p> <p>Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline</p> <p>Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	<p>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable</p> <p>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC</p> <p>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas</p> <p>Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline</p> <p>Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	<p>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</p> <p>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed</p> <p>Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC</p> <p>Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)</p> <p>Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline</p> <p>Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	<p>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</p> <p>Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed</p> <p>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: High Risk from SPC</p> <p>Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)</p> <p>Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline</p> <p>Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms