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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, August 19, 2016

Issued: 0800 CT

**River Flooding:** Moderate to Major River Flooding continues across portions of S LA.

**Day 1 Severe Weather Hazards:** Slight Risk of severe storms w/ damaging winds/hail over NW OK into the NE TX Panhandle with a Marginal Risk over W&N OK, TX/OK panhandles, NE NM.

**Day 1 Flash Flood Hazards:** Slight Risk of flash flooding over SW TX with a Marginal Risk over W-NW TX into OK, AR.

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# Key Points



## Today

- **Moderate to Major River Flooding continues across portions of S LA**
  - Rivers in SE LA have crested, but significant back water flooding will continue
  - Some portions of rivers in SW LA have crested, but the lower reaches of the Calcasieu, Mermentau, and Vermillion Rivers are still rising
  - Scattered afternoon showers/tstorms possible over impacted areas could hamper recovery efforts and lead to short duration flash flooding, widespread heavy rain not expected
- **A few severe storms w/ damaging winds/hail possible over W&N OK into the TX/OK Panhandles, NE NM**
- **Isolated flash flooding possible from SW-W-NW TX into OK, AR**

## Saturday – Tuesday

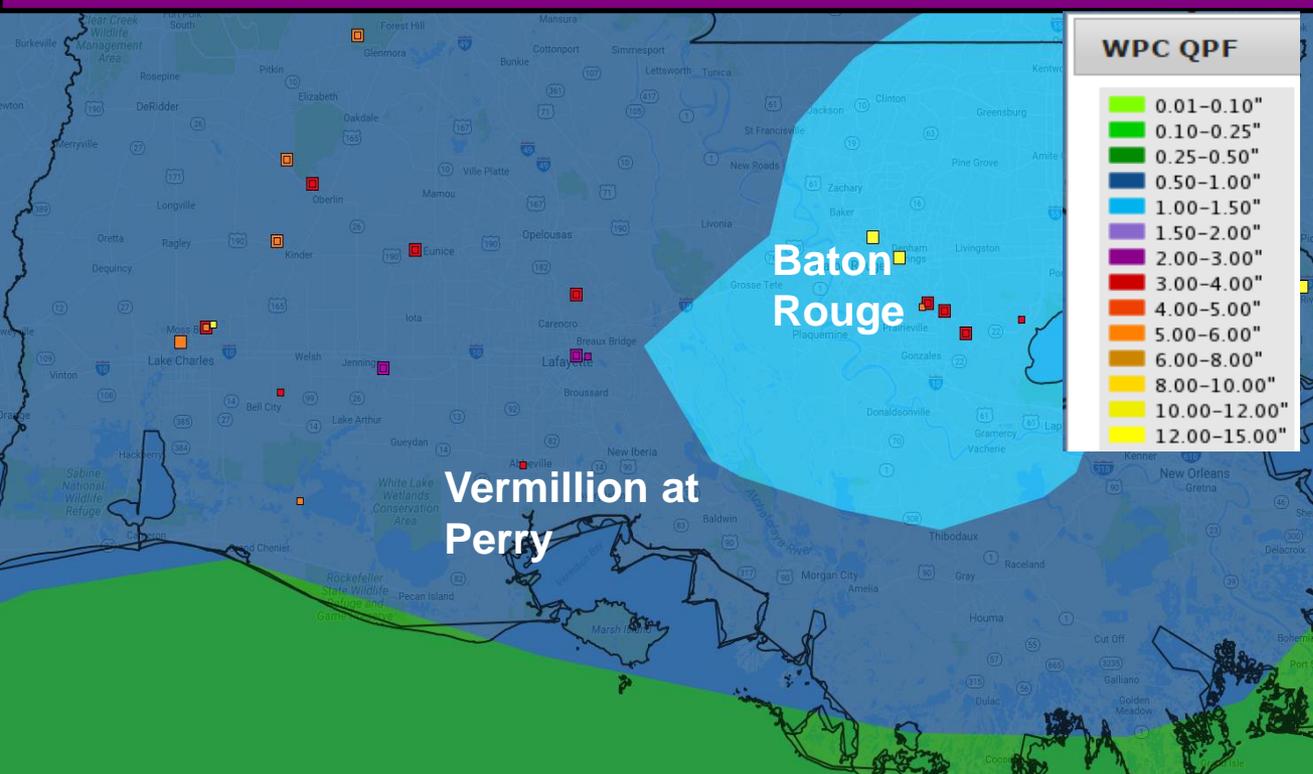
- **Isolated flash flooding possible Sat over much of TX into N LA, SE OK, and S-E AR**
- **Isolated flash flooding possible Sun over West-Central-South TX into SW NM**
- **Scattered afternoon rain/tstorm chances continue over flood impacted areas of S LA and could hamper recovery efforts and lead to short duration flash flooding, widespread heavy rain is not expected**

## Tropical Outlook

- **Tropical Storm Fiona is still expected to have no impacts to FEMA 6**
- **Two tropical waves in the eastern Atlantic will move generally westward over the next several days. No immediate impacts to FEMA 6.**

# River Flood Status/5 Day Forecast Rainfall

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    - Vermillion River at Perry will rapidly rise over the next 2 days. Currently not in flood but will crest in major flood stage on Sunday
- Scattered afternoon showers/tstorms possible over impacted areas could hamper recovery efforts and lead to short duration flash flooding, widespread heavy rain not expected



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

# FEMA JFO Baton Rouge, LA

**WHAT:** Ongoing flooding persists from the heavy rainfall that occurred at the end of last week.

**WHEN:** Ongoing flooding will persist for several days.

**WHERE:** Mainly along the lower reaches of the Amite/Comite River basin encompassing portions of St. John the Baptist, St. James, Ascension, Iberville, East Baton Rouge, and Livingston Parishes.

## Expected Impacts:

- Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms could produce rainfall of about one half inch with isolated locally higher amounts, potentially 1 to 2 inches or more, mainly during the afternoon hours each day.
- For areas South of I-12, flooding is mainly on the lower reaches of the Amite River Basin toward Lake Maurepas, River levels have begun a slow fall for areas around Lake Maurepas with all locations now in moderate flood stage. However, significant backwater flooding issues persist especially along Bayou Manchac and Alligator Bayou in Ascension and Iberville Parishes. Backwater flooding issues elsewhere should slowly improve as river levels continue to fall along the Amite over the next several days.
- Heat index values of 100 to 106 degrees can be expected during the late morning and afternoon hours where showers and thunderstorms do not occur. Those without air conditioning, first responders and relief workers should be monitored for heat related illnesses.

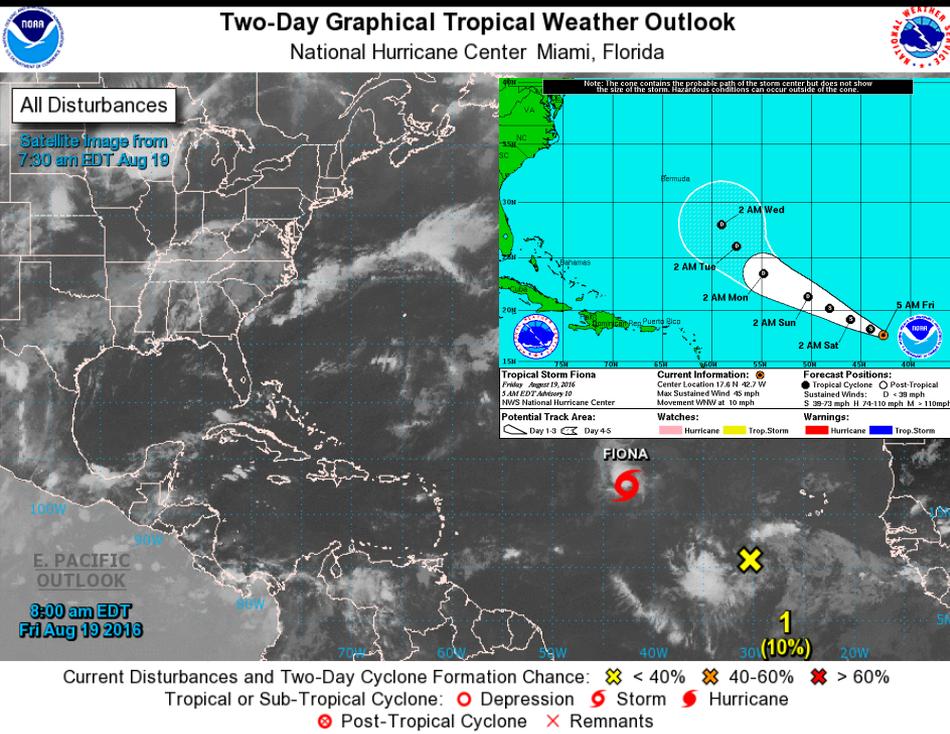
Extended Forecast for  
2 Miles W Baton Rouge LA

 [Click here for hazard details and duration](#)



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

# Tropical Weather Outlook



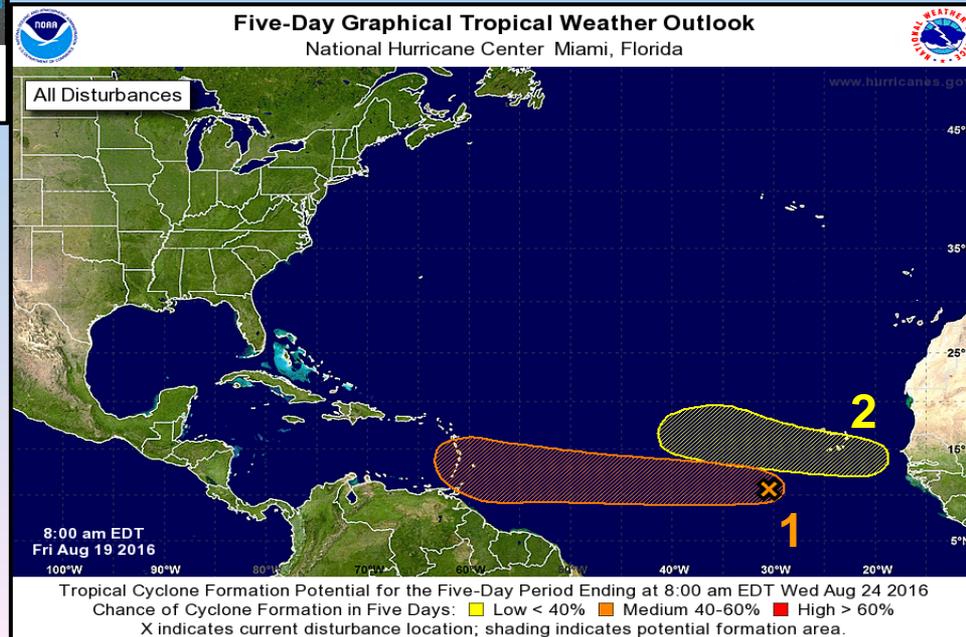
No impacts to FEMA 6 from Fiona

1 - Tropical wave in the eastern Atlantic will move westward over the next several days. No immediate impacts to FEMA 6.

- Formation chance through 48 hours ... low ... 10 percent
- Formation chance through 5 days ... medium ... 50 percent

2 - Another tropical wave is forecast to move off of the coast of Africa on Saturday and will move westward to west northwestward over the next several days. No immediate impacts to FEMA 6.

- Formation chance through 48 hours ... low ... near 0 percent
- Formation chance through 5 days ... low ... 30 percent



# \*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Aug 19, 2016 - Aug 23, 2016

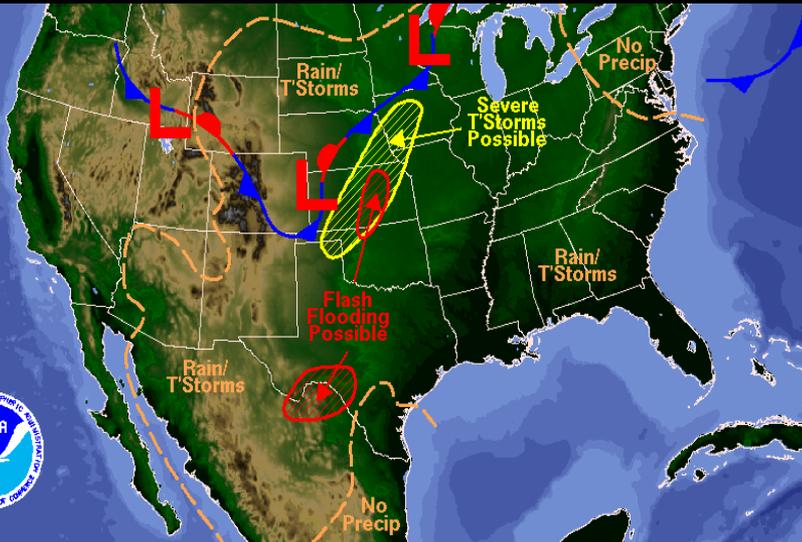
DAY/ THREAT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Severe Weather	NW OK into NE TX Panhandle				
	W&N OK, TX/OK Panhandles, NE NM				
Heavy Rain/ Flash Flooding	SW TX	SW TX	SW TX		
	TX, OK, AR	TX, N LA, AR, SE OK	TX, SW NM		
Fire Weather					
Heat					
River Flooding	SW LA	SW LA	SW LA	SW LA	SW LA
	SE LA	SE LA			

- No Weather Threats Expected
- Very Common – Happens Often
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*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



# Today's Weather

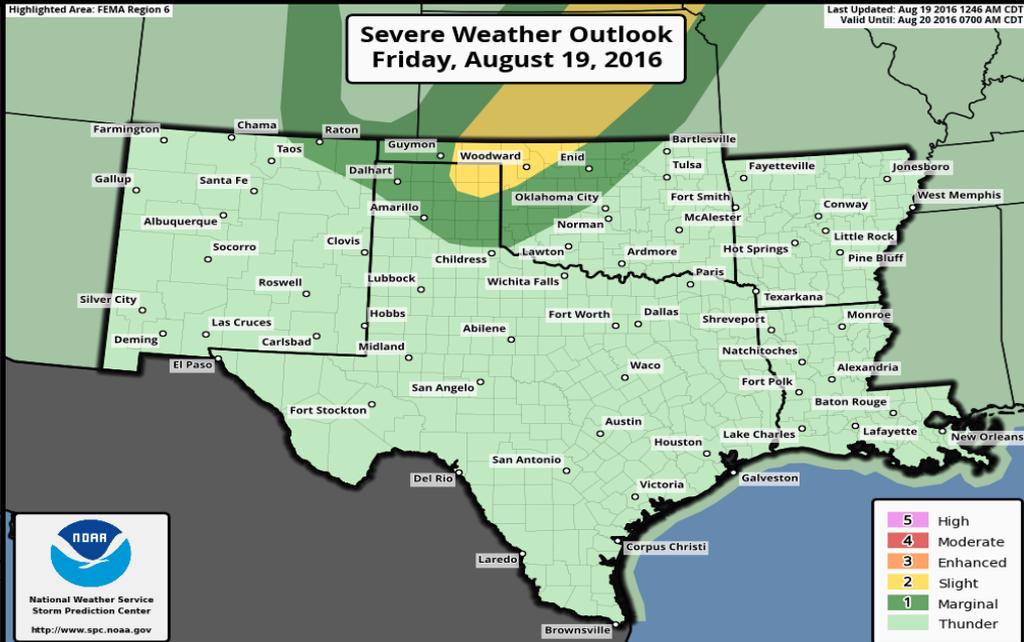
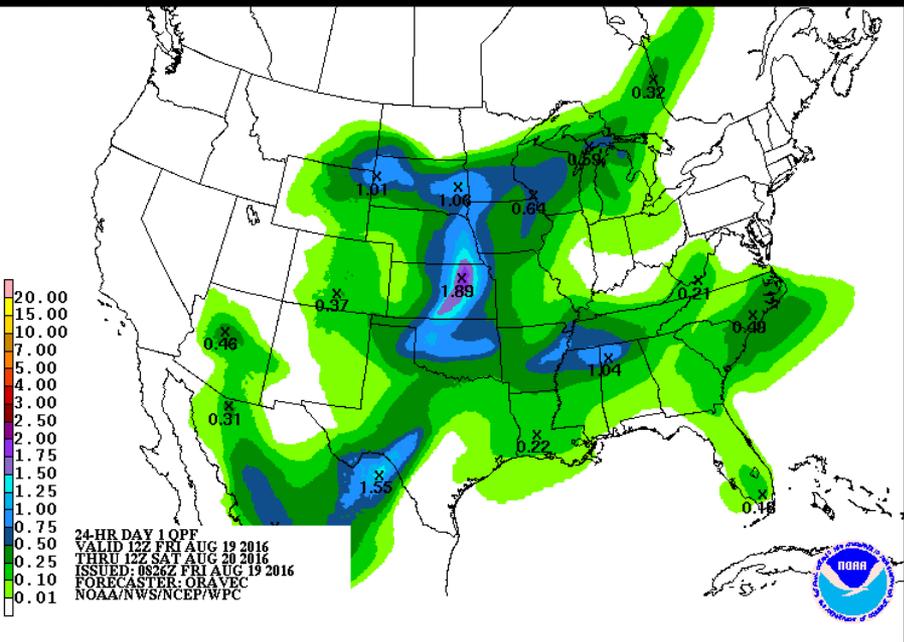


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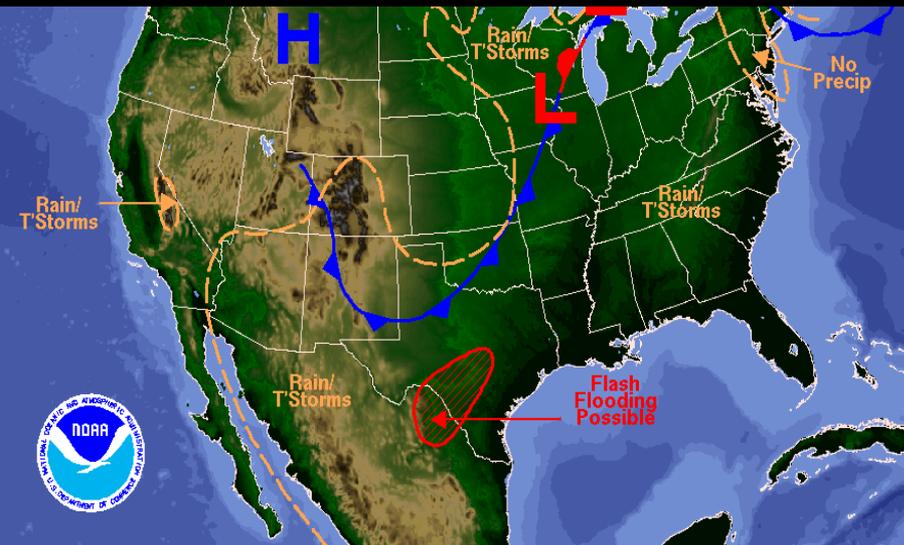
Isolated flash flooding possible over SW into W & NW TX, OK, AR

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Weather Forecast for Fri, Aug 19, 2016, issued 4:45 AM EDT  
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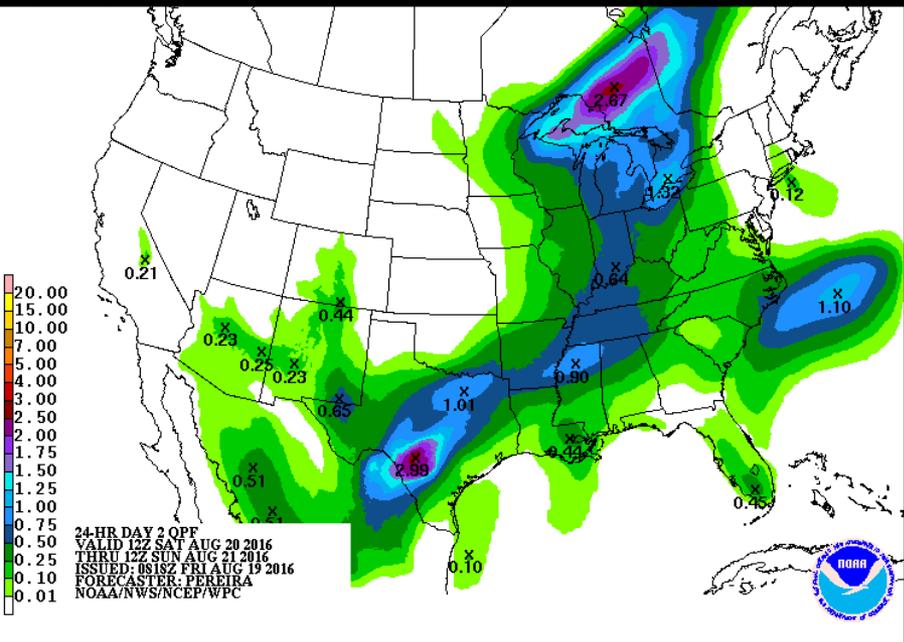
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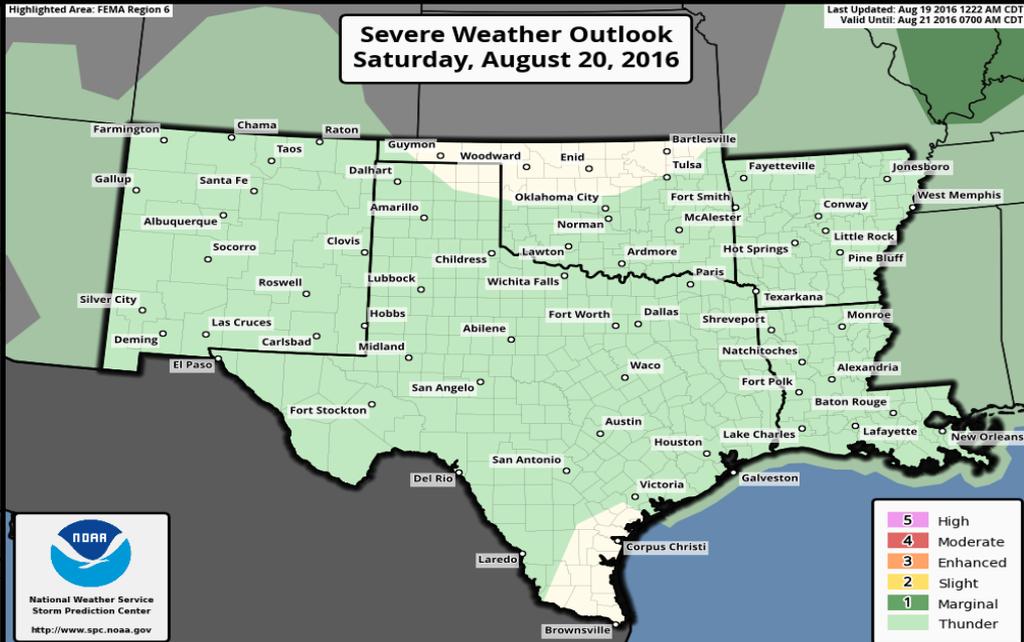
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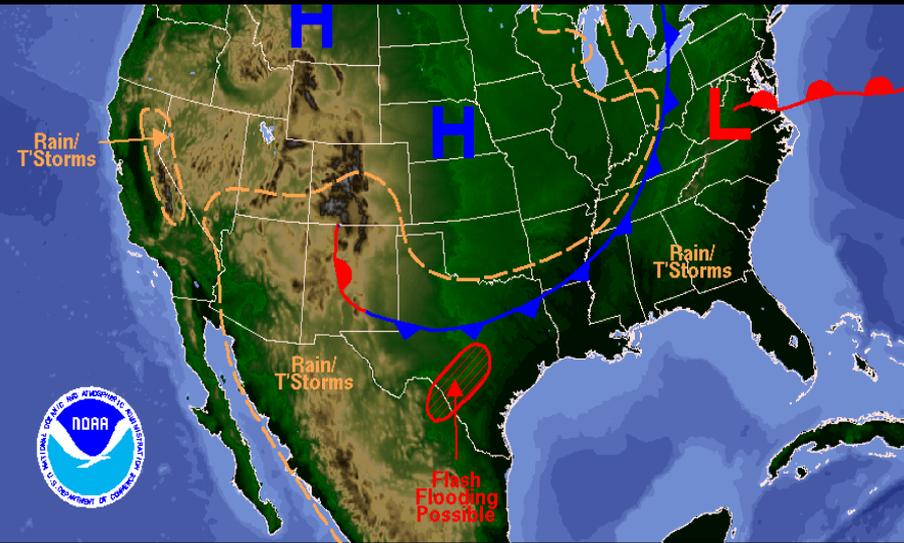


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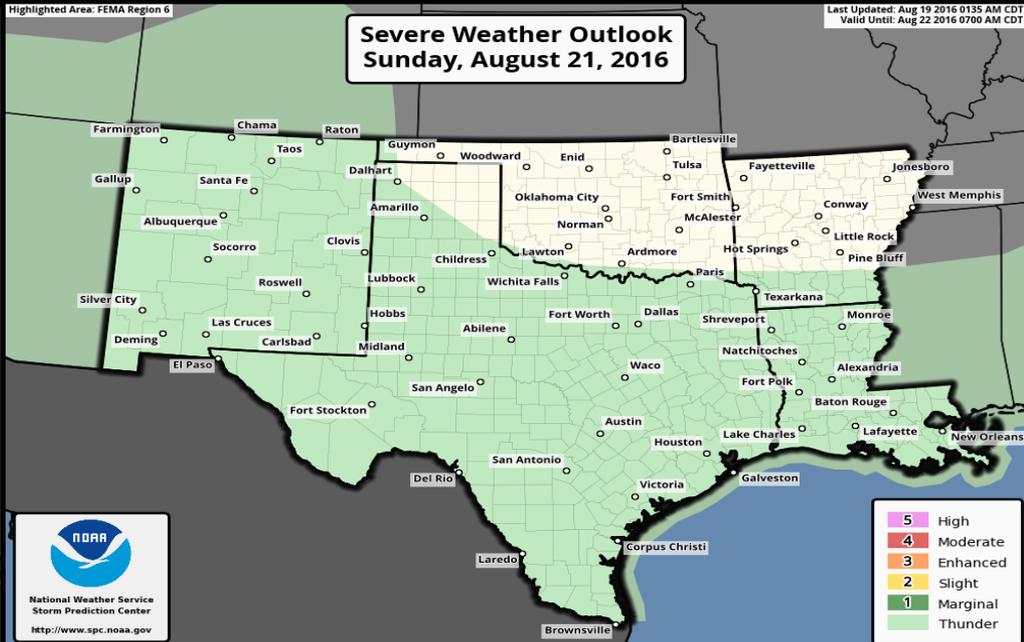
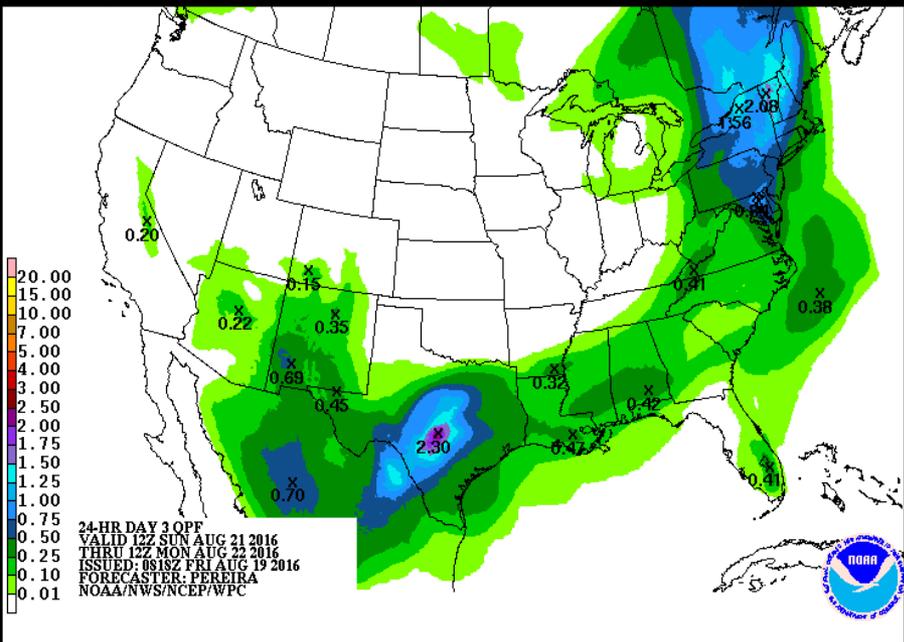
# Sunday's Weather



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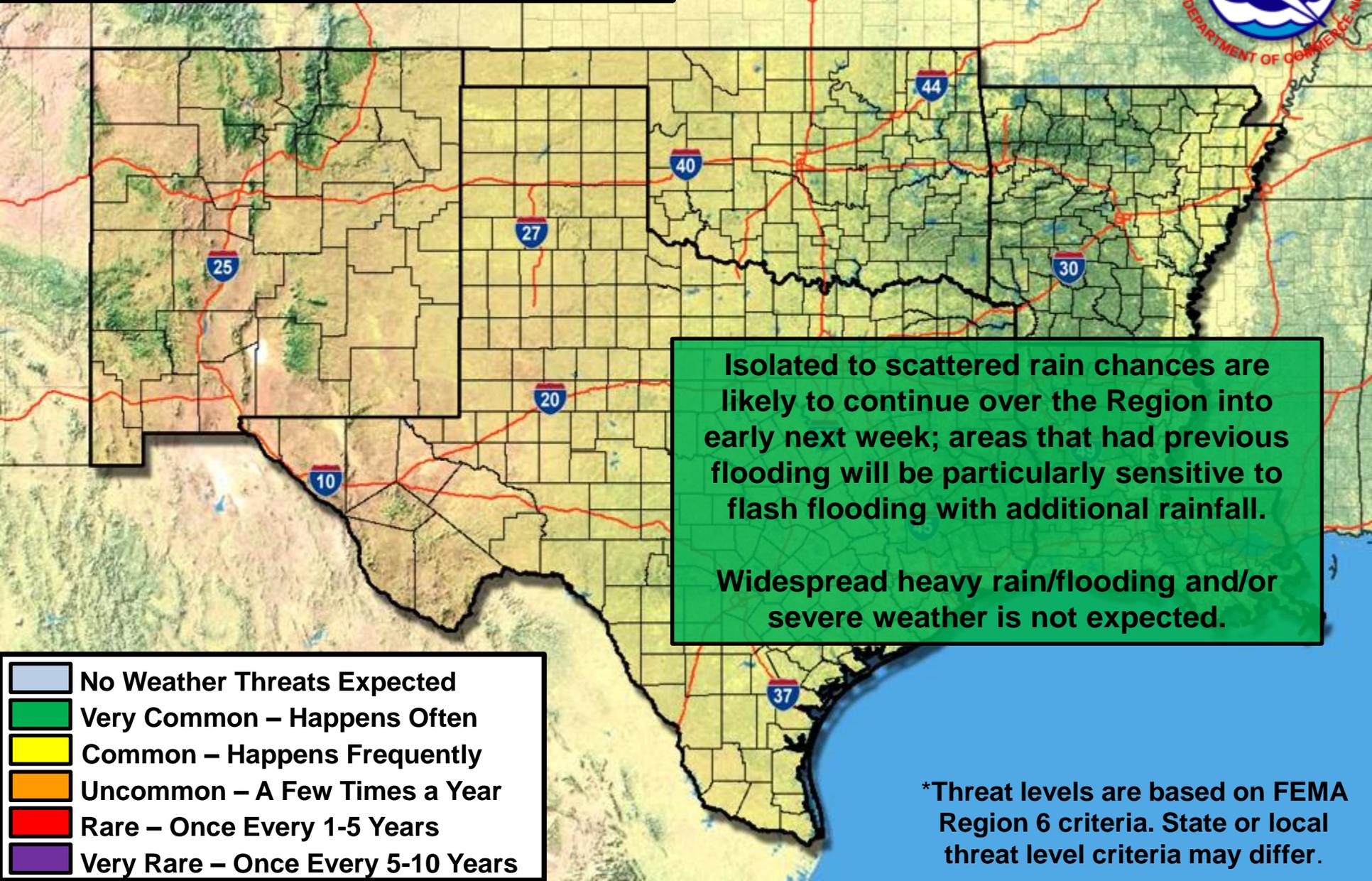
Isolated flash flooding possible over much of west-central-south TX into SW NM



- 5 High
- 4 Moderate
- 3 Enhanced
- 2 Slight
- 1 Marginal
- Thunder

# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Mon - 0800 Wed



Isolated to scattered rain chances are likely to continue over the Region into early next week; areas that had previous flooding will be particularly sensitive to flash flooding with additional rainfall.

Widespread heavy rain/flooding and/or severe weather is not expected.

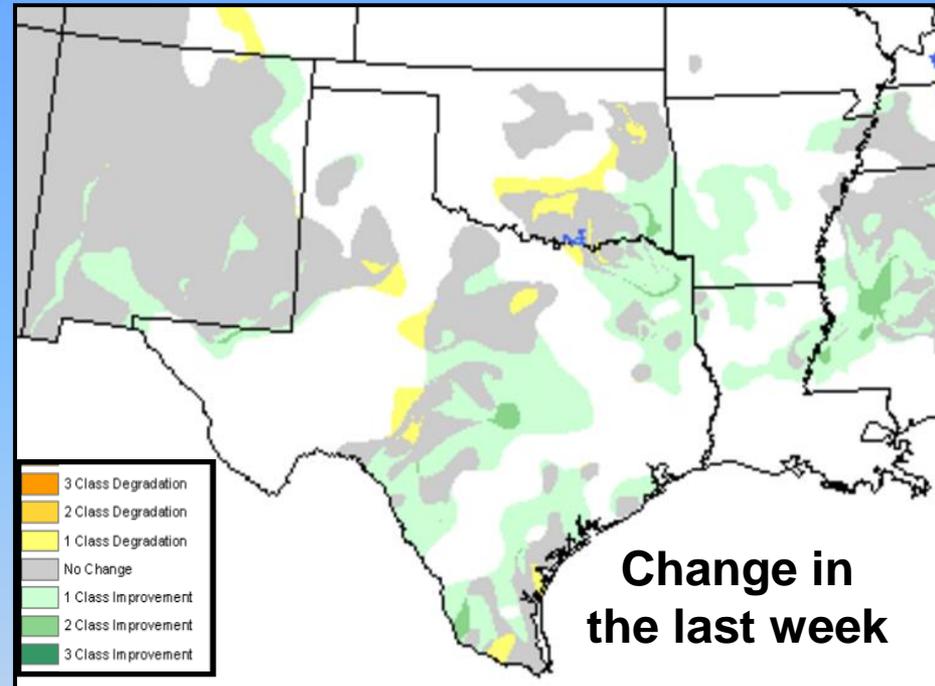
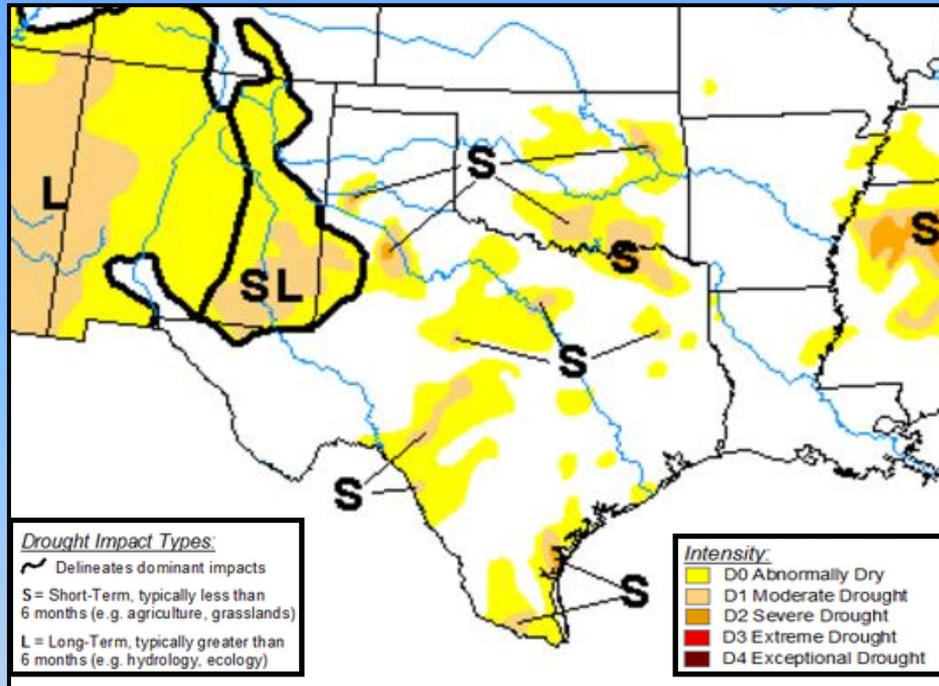
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\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



# Drought Monitor Released August 18, 2016

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Thursday August 16, 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	0.18%	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%

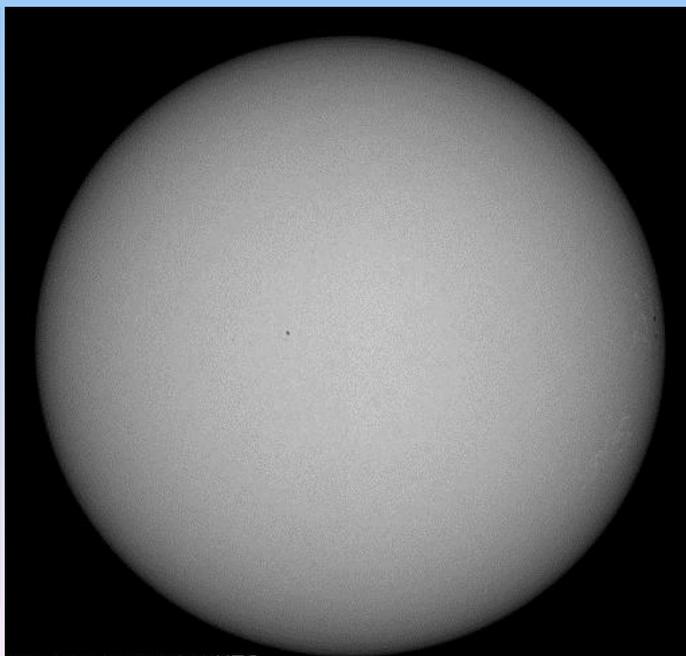
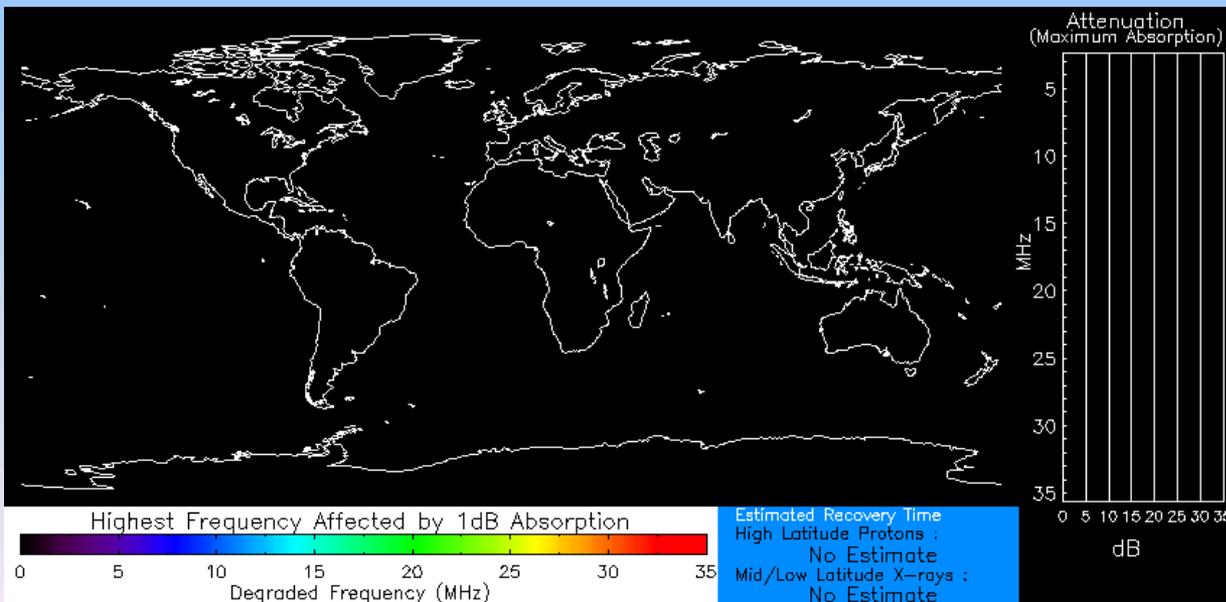
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
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><b>Very Common</b></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"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<p><b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b></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"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<p><b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b></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"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<p><b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b></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"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<p><b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b></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"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>