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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

Issued: 0800 CT

River Flooding: Moderate/Major River Flooding continues across parts of SW LA and S-Central TX.

Flash Flooding: Isolated flash flooding possible in W TX, N NM and W OK.

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Key Points



Today

- **Back water/river flooding continues over SW LA**
 - **Lower reaches of the Calcasieu, Mermentau, and Vermillion Rivers are still high**
 - **Scattered afternoon showers/tstms possible over impacted areas could impact recovery efforts and lead to isolated flash flooding**
- **Moderate river flooding continues over S-Central TX; San Antonio River and Nueces River are cresting today and tomorrow.**
- **Marginal risk of flash flooding in W TX, N NM and W OK**

Thursday – Sunday

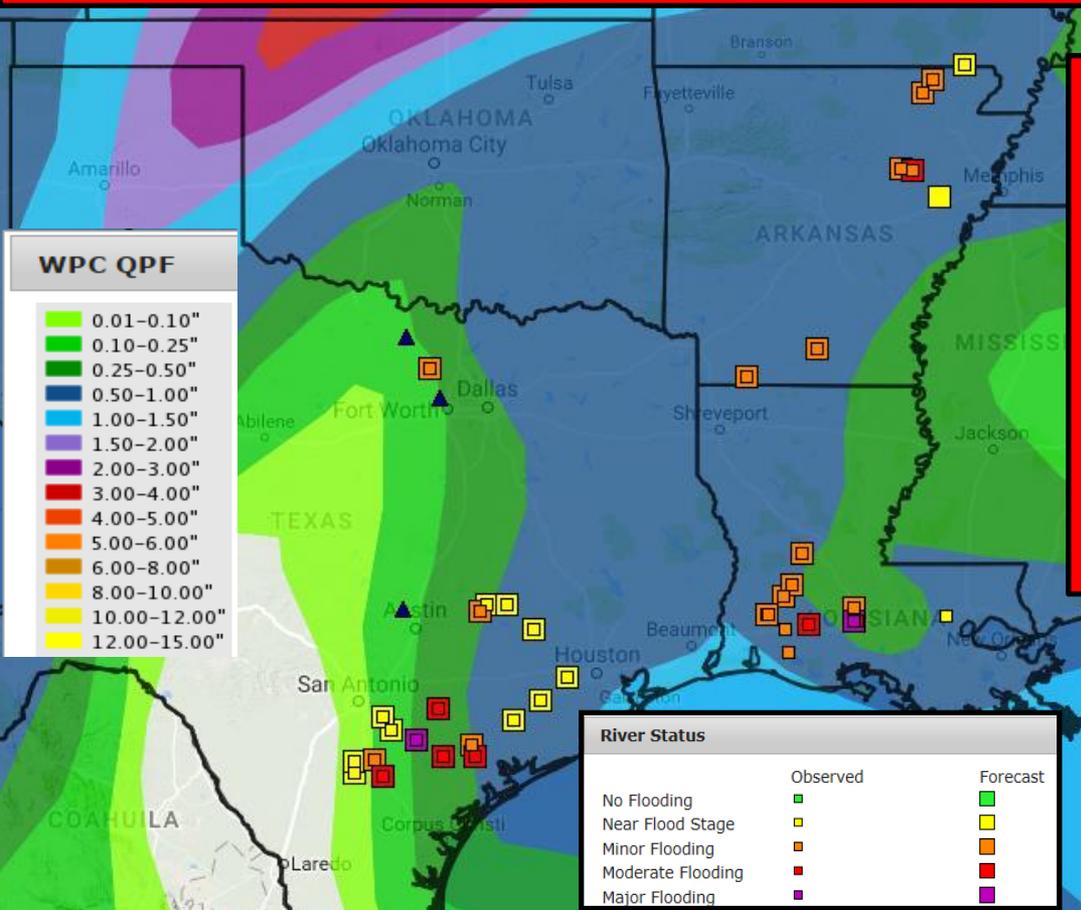
- **Scattered afternoon showers/tstms possible over impacted areas in S LA could impact recovery efforts and lead to temporary flash flooding**
- **Marginal risk of flash flooding in W TX, N NM, W OK, and LA**

Tropical Outlook

- **Tropical Storm Gaston is not expected to have any impacts to FEMA VI**
- **Showers and storms associated with a tropical wave over the northern Leeward Islands are showing more signs of organization. Although environmental conditions are currently only marginally conducive for additional development, this system could become a tropical depression at any time during the next few days while it moves W-NW at about 15mph.**

River Flood Status/5 Day Forecast Rainfall

- Moderate River Flooding continues across portions of SW LA
- Significant back water flooding will continue across much of S LA with a very slow recession
- Moderate River Flooding observed and forecast in S-Central TX



- The Vermillion River at Lafayette will fall into moderate flood this morning.
- The San Antonio River is forecast to crest at Goliad early Thursday.
- The Nueces River at Three Rivers is forecast to crest tonight.

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

Overview:

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

WHEN: Ongoing flooding will persist through the rest of this week.

WHERE: Mainly along the lower reaches of the Amite/Comite River basin generally south of the I-12 corridor and the east bank portions of St. John the Baptist, St. James, Ascension, Iberville, East Baton Rouge, and Livingston Parishes.

Expected Impacts:

Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms could produce rainfall of one quarter to one half inch with isolated locally higher amounts, potentially 1 to 3 inches or more, mainly during the afternoon hours each day.

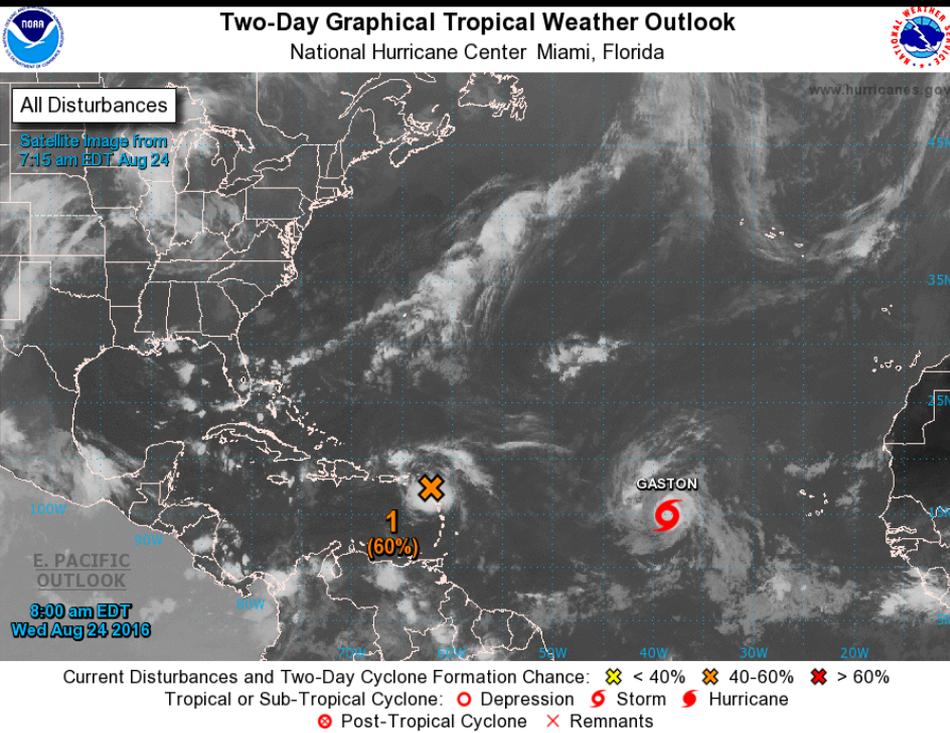
For areas South of I-12, backwater flooding issues persist especially along Bayou Manchac and Alligator Bayou in Ascension, East Baton Rouge and Iberville Parishes. Therefore, a Flood Advisory is in effect for this area through Wednesday afternoon. Backwater flooding issues elsewhere should slowly improve as river levels continue to fall along the Amite over the next several days. The latest river forecasts can be seen on the [Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service web page](#).

Heat index values of 100 to 107 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.



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

Tropical Weather Outlook



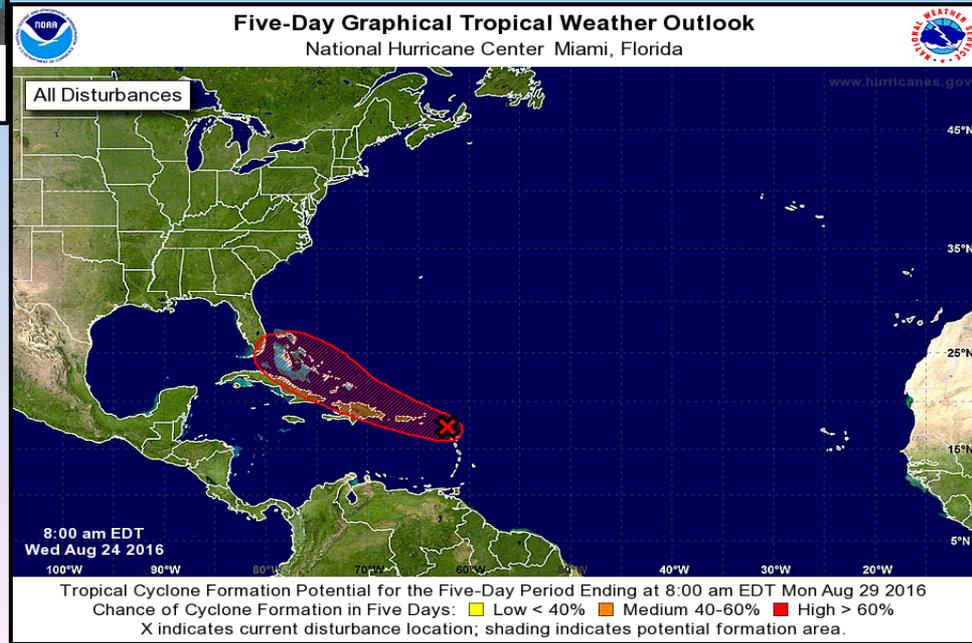
No impacts to FEMA IV from Tropical Depression Fiona or TS Gaston

A Tropical wave is located over the northern Leeward Islands. Shower and storms associated with it are showing some signs of organization. Environmental conditions are only marginally conducive for developing, but it could become a tropical depression at any time in the next few days

- Formation chance through 48 hours ... 60 percent

Conditions may be more conducive for development later this week as the system moves into an area of higher moisture and away from significant land masses. It is currently expected to move near/around Florida this weekend, and there is much uncertainty in the forecast after Sunday. All interests should keep up with the latest forecasts from the National Hurricane Center and Local NWS Offices.

- Formation chance through 5 days...80 percent



*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Aug 24, 2016 - Aug 28, 2016

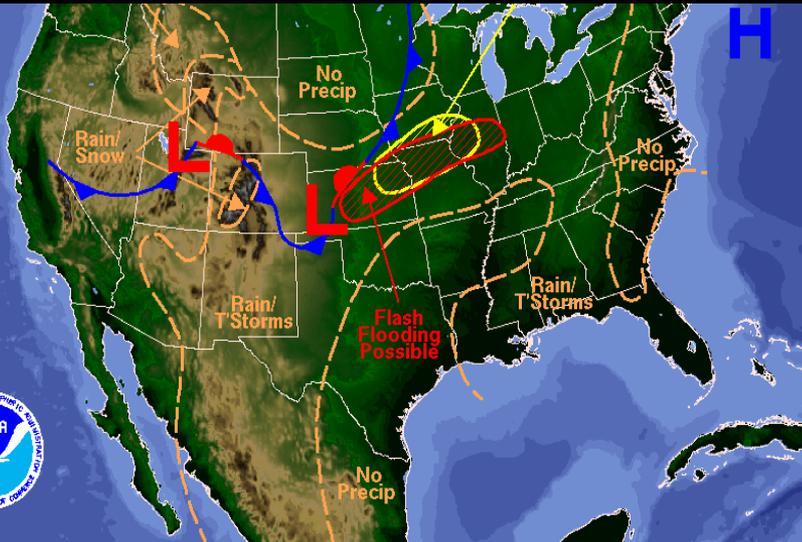
DAY/ THREAT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	W TX, W OK, N NM	W TX, W OK, N NM, LA	W TX, E TX, SE OK, AR, NW LA		
Fire Weather					
Tropical					
Heat					
River Flooding	S LA, S- Central TX	S LA	S LA	S LA	S LA

	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.



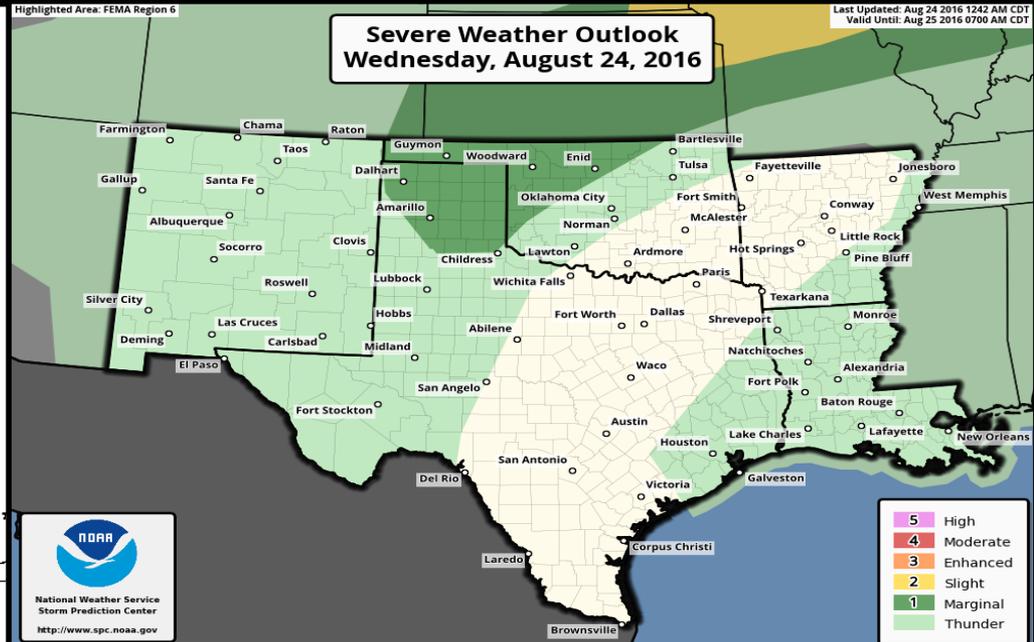
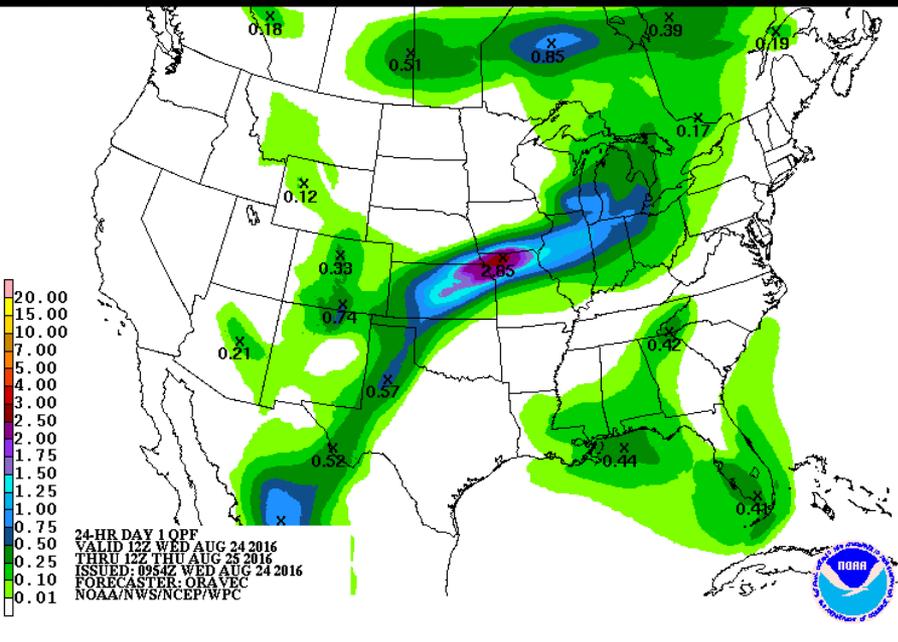
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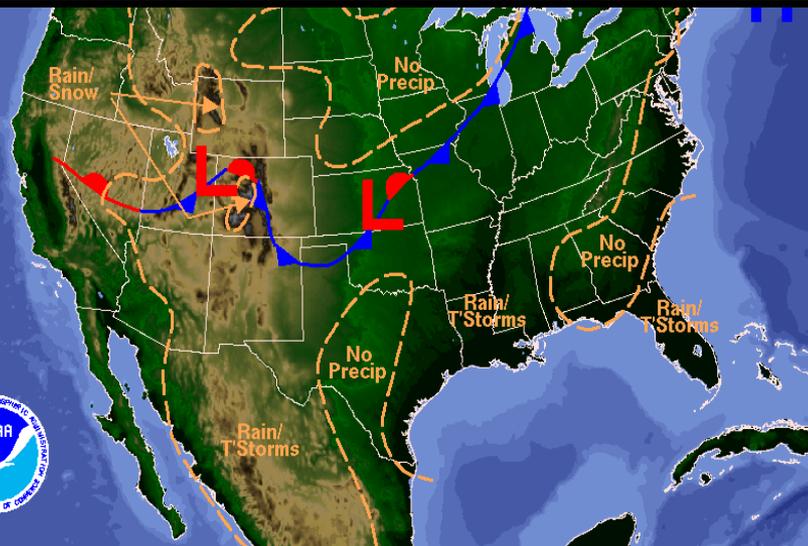
Moderate River Flooding continues over SW LA and S-Central TX

Isolated flash flooding possible over W TX into NM

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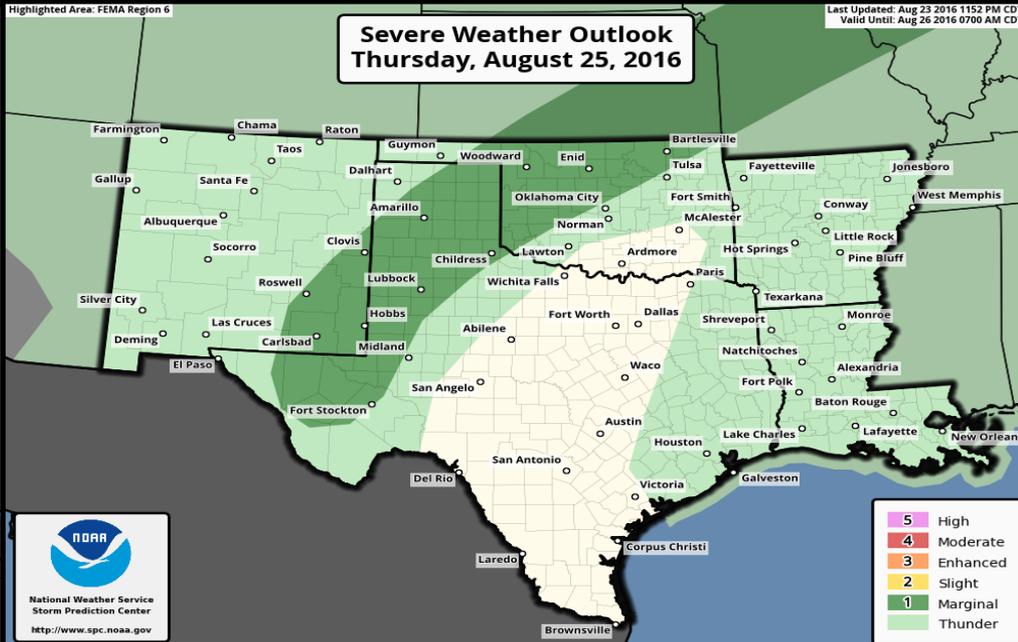
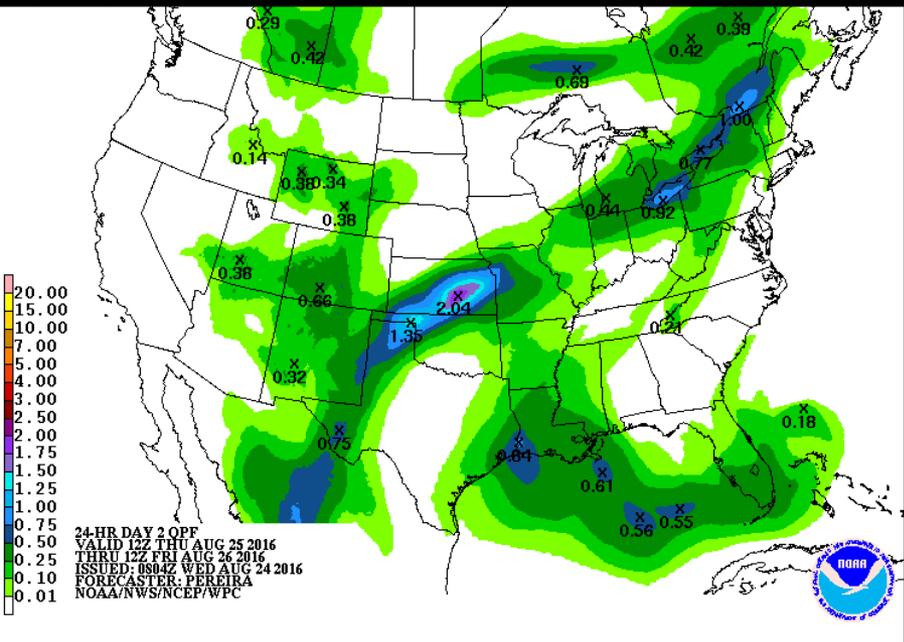
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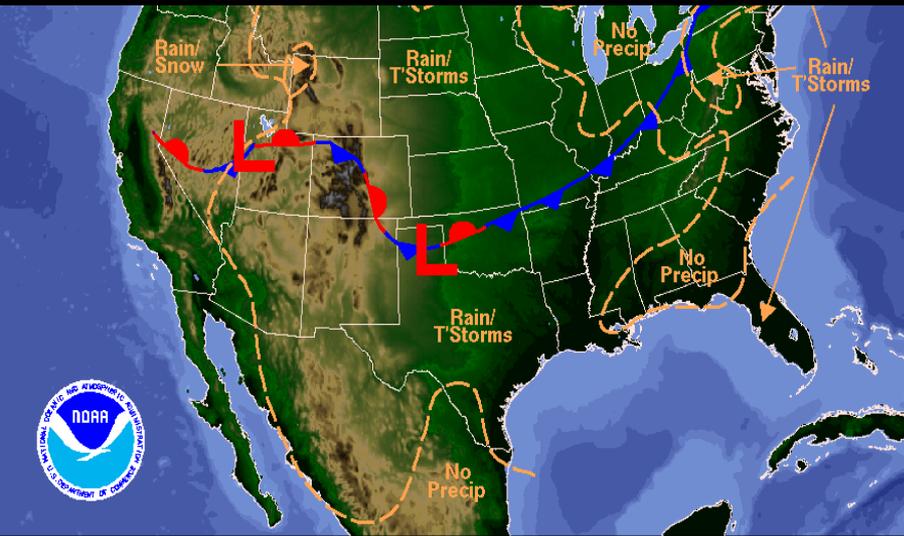
Weather Forecast for Thu, Aug 25, 2016, issued 4:40 AM EDT Wed, Aug 24, 2016
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
 Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Moderate River Flooding continues over S LA, some river flooding expected to be ongoing in S-Central TX although most points should be receding.

Isolated flash flood threat continues over W OK and NW TX. Some heavier rainfall also possible over S LA; this could delay the fall of some of the rivers/creeks.



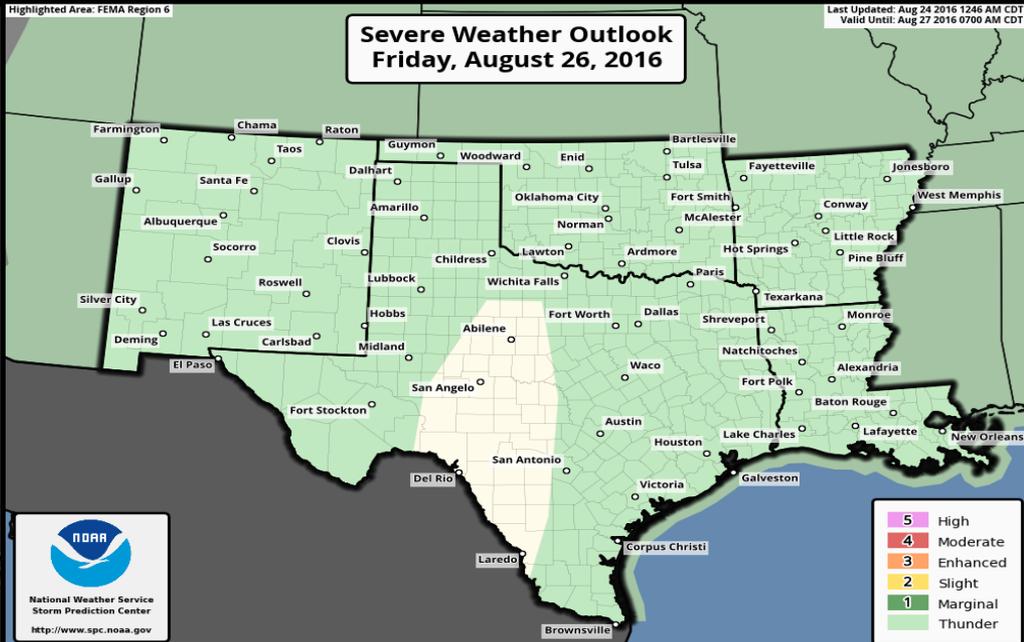
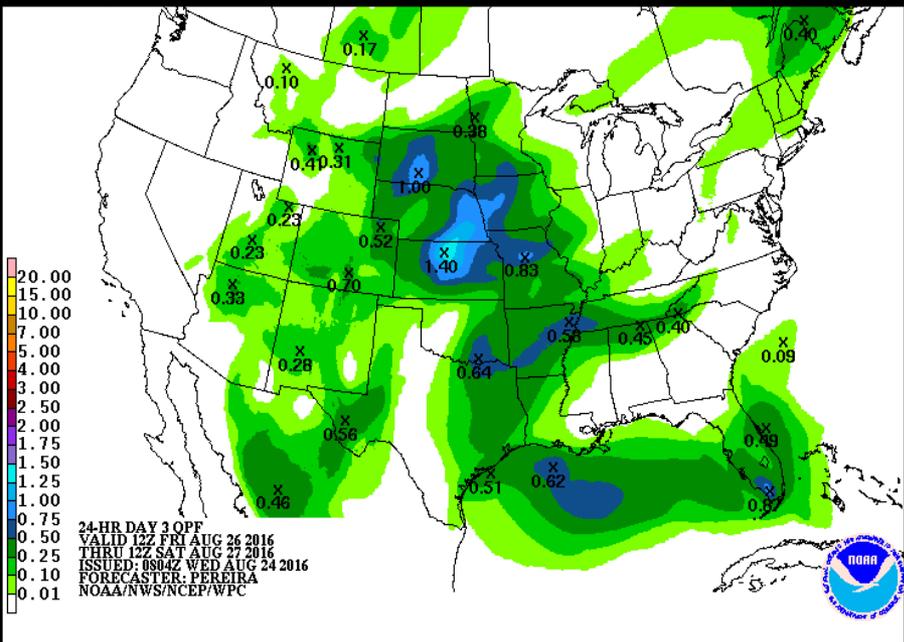
Friday's Weather



Weather Forecast for Fri, Aug 26, issued 4:43 AM EDT Wed, Aug 24, 2016
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Minor/Moderate River Flooding continues over S LA.

Isolated flash flood threat possible over AR, SE OK and E TX



Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sat - 0800 Mon



Scattered showers/thunderstorms are likely to continue over the Region into early next week. Previously flooded areas will be more sensitive to flash flooding with additional rainfall.

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

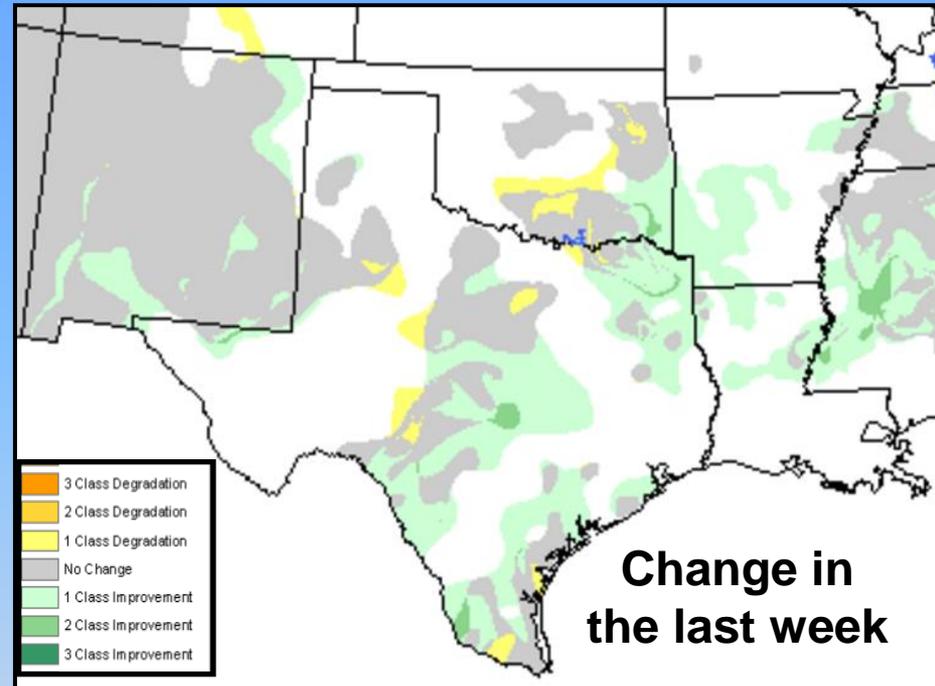
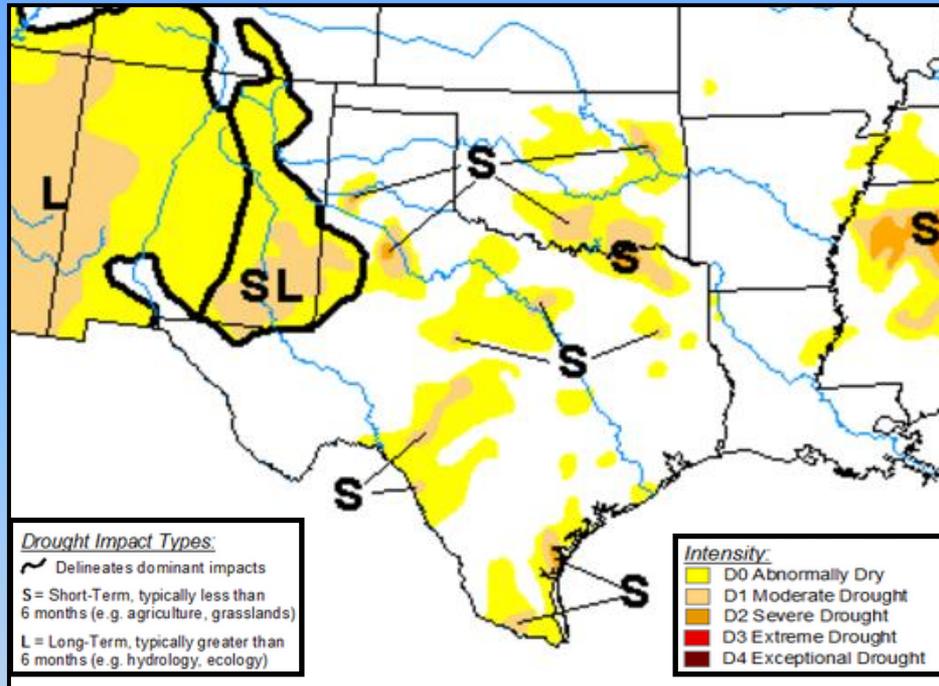
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*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



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%

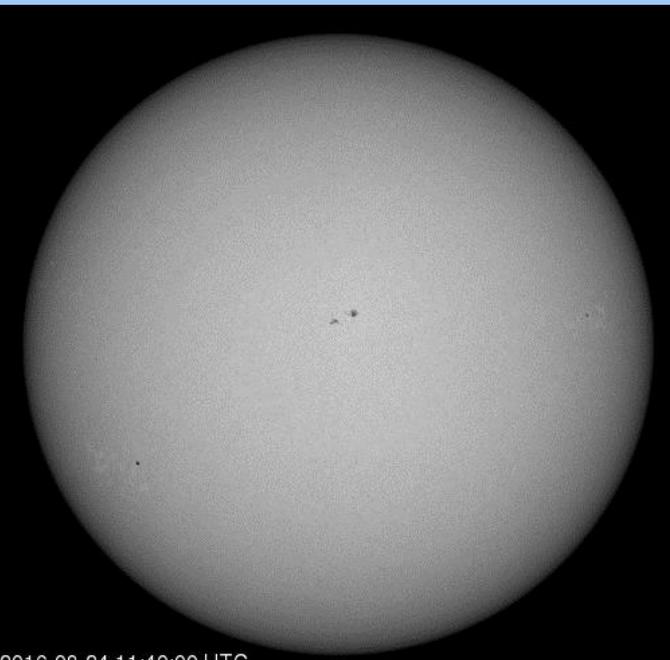
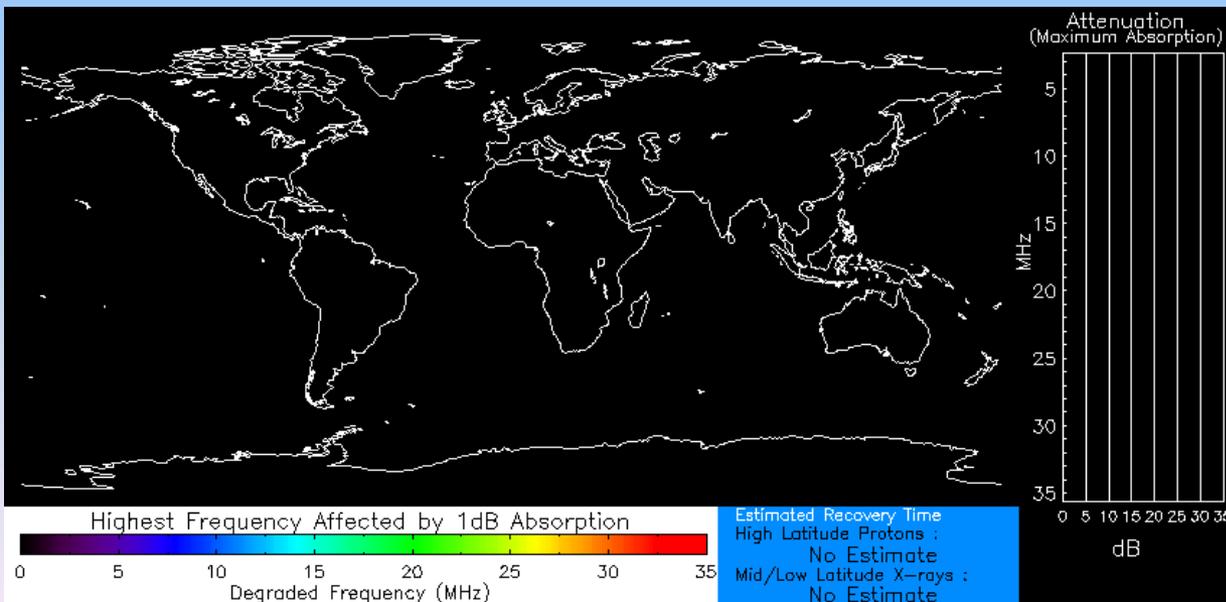
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
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