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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

Issued: 0800 CT

**River Flooding:** Minor to moderate river flooding continues across SW LA and SE TX; points continue a slow fall.

Isolated heavy rain along central TX coast, as well as NM into W & NW TX.

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# Key Points



## Today

- Scattered showers and thunderstorms across much of the region.
- The disturbance off the southern TX coast may produce isolated heavy rainfall, though most of the activity is expected to remain offshore.
- Heavy rain remains possible over S & E NM into W and NW TX

## Wednesday - Saturday

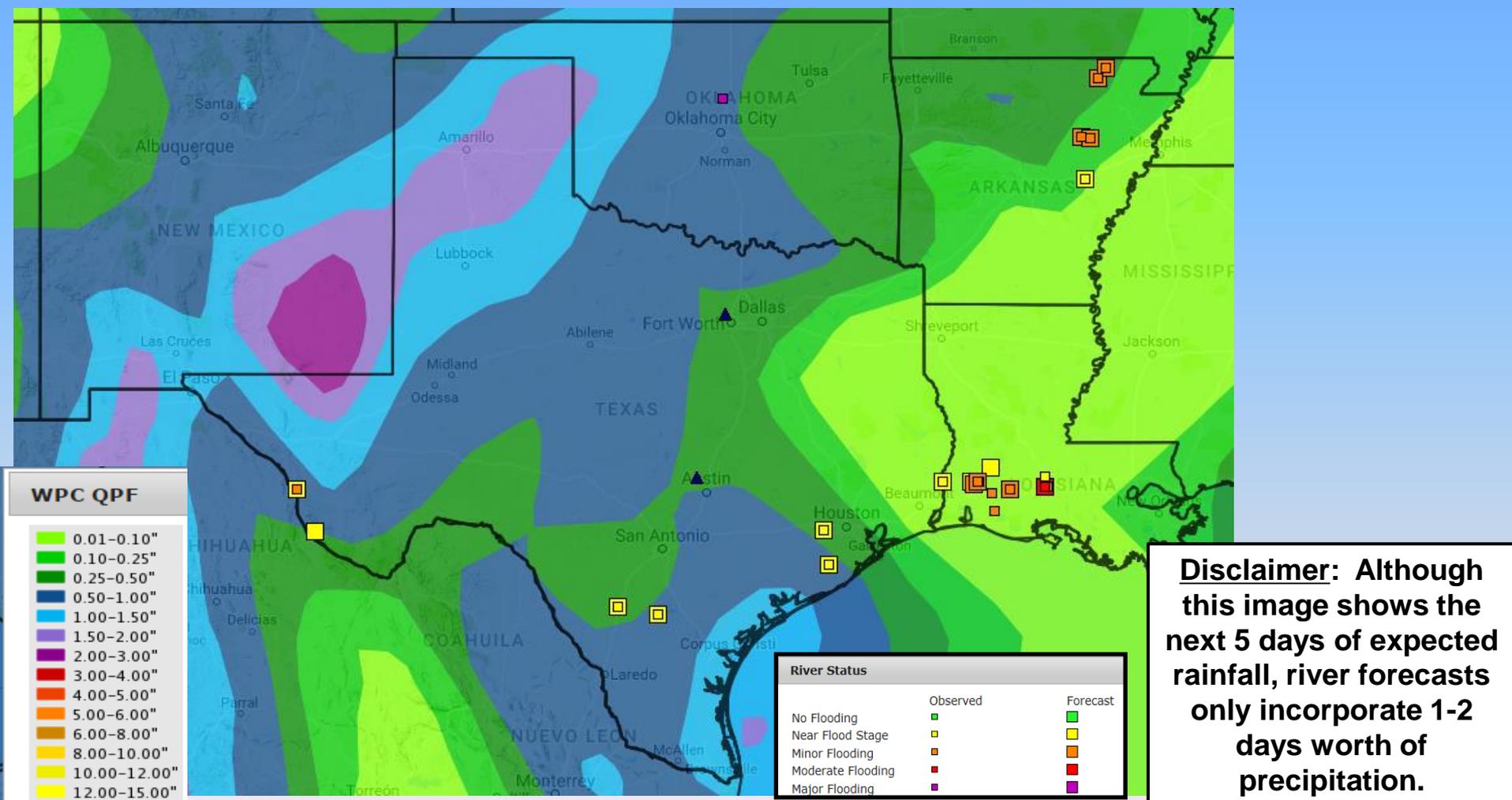
- Heavy rain threat will continue across portions of E NM into NW and N TX on Wednesday and Thursday.

## Tropical Outlook

- Hurricane Gaston will not have any impacts to FEMA VI
- TD 8 will not have any impacts on FEMA VI
- Impacts from TD9 are expected to remain east of Region VI
- A tropical wave is expected to move offshore of the west coast of Africa today. Conditions are expected to be favorable for development of this system later this week while it moves westward over the tropical eastern Atlantic

# River Flood Status/5 Day Forecast Rainfall

- Locations in southwest Louisiana will continue a very slowly fall
- Rivers in SE TX have fallen below flood stage.



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

# FEMA JFO Baton Rouge, LA

## Overview:

- No significant impacts are expected for the recovery efforts.
- Heat index values will rise into the 100 to 105 degree range each afternoon this week.
- Not anticipating impacts from TD9 to the recovery efforts at this time.

## Baton Rouge Forecast:

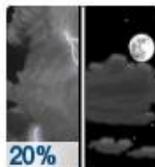
Today



Sunny then  
Slight Chance  
T-storms

High: 94 °F

Tonight



Slight Chance  
T-storms then  
Partly Cloudy

Low: 74 °F

Wednesday



Hot

High: 95 °F

Wednesday  
Night



Partly Cloudy

Low: 75 °F

Thursday



Hot

High: 95 °F

Thursday  
Night



Partly Cloudy

Low: 75 °F

Friday



Slight Chance  
T-storms

High: 94 °F

Friday  
Night



Slight Chance  
T-storms then  
Partly Cloudy

Low: 72 °F

Saturday



Chance  
T-storms

High: 94 °F

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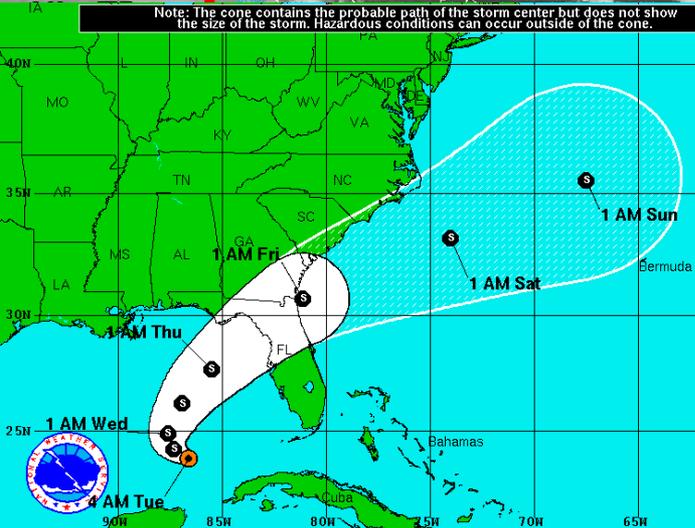
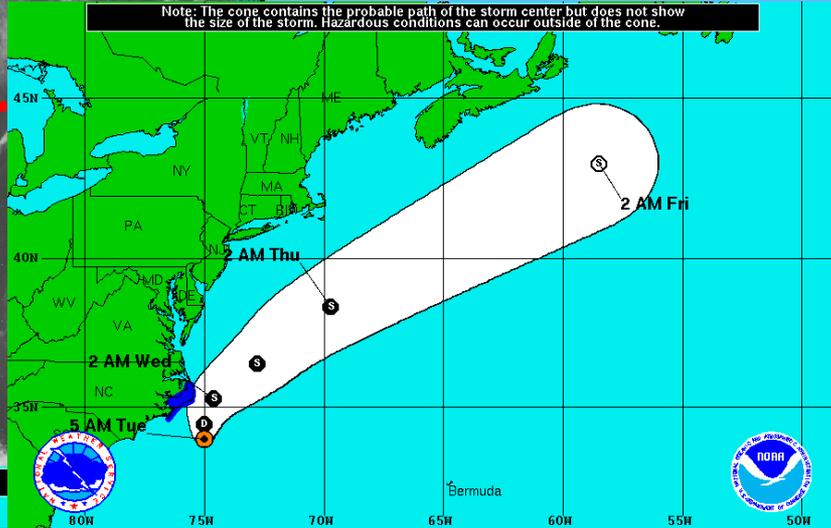
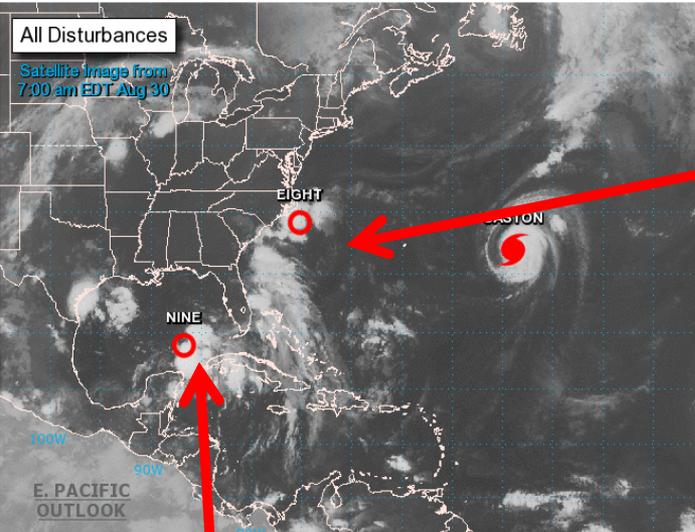
# Tropical Weather Outlook



Two-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook  
National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



No impacts to FEMA VI from Hurricane Gaston



**Tropical Depression Eight**  
Tuesday August 30, 2016  
5 AM EDT Advisory 8  
NWS National Hurricane Center

**Current Information:**  
Center Location 33.9 N 75.0 W  
Max Sustained Wind 35 mph  
Movement NW at 6 mph

**Forecast Positions:**  
● Tropical Cyclone ○ Post-Tropical  
Sustained Winds: D < 39 mph  
S 39-73 mph H 74-110 mph M > 110mph

**Potential Track Area:**  
Day 1-3 Day 4-5

**Watches:**  
Hurricane Trop.Storm

**Warnings:**  
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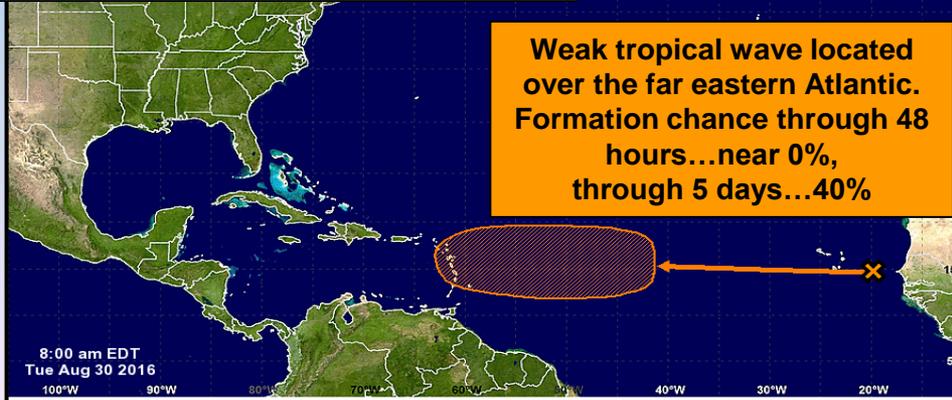
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Weather Outlook  
Miami, Florida

www.hurricanes.gov

Weak tropical wave located over the far eastern Atlantic. Formation chance through 48 hours...near 0%, through 5 days...40%



X indicates current disturbance location; shading indicates potential formation area.

# \*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Aug 30, 2016 - Sep 3, 2016

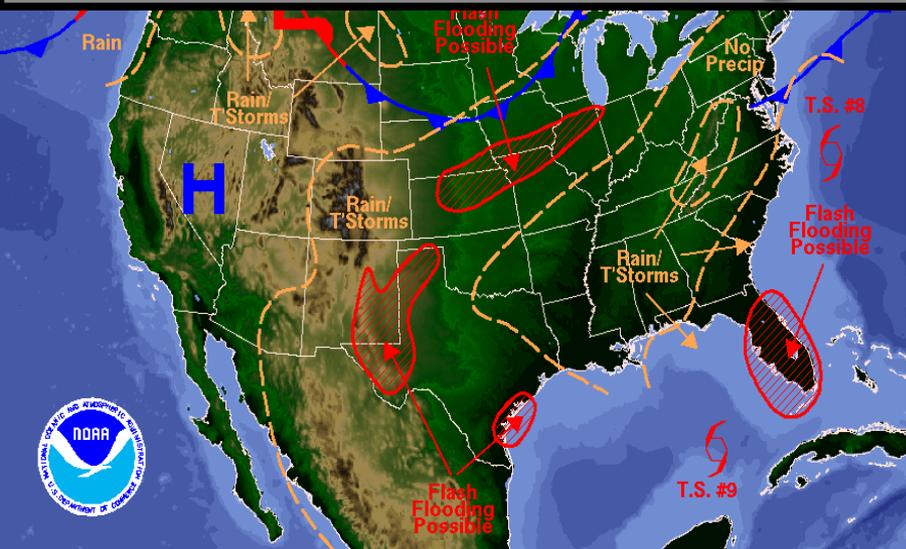
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Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E NM, W TX, NW TX, S TX	E NM, W TX, NW TX,	SE NM, N TX		
Tropical					
Heat					
River Flooding	SW LA	SW LA	SW LA	SW LA	SW LA

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
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	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

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



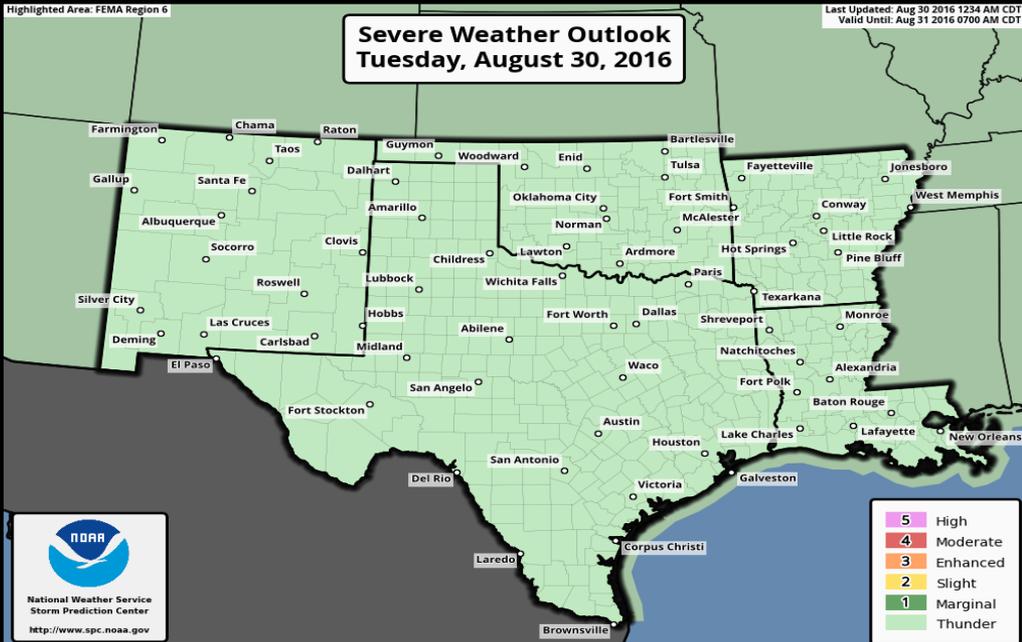
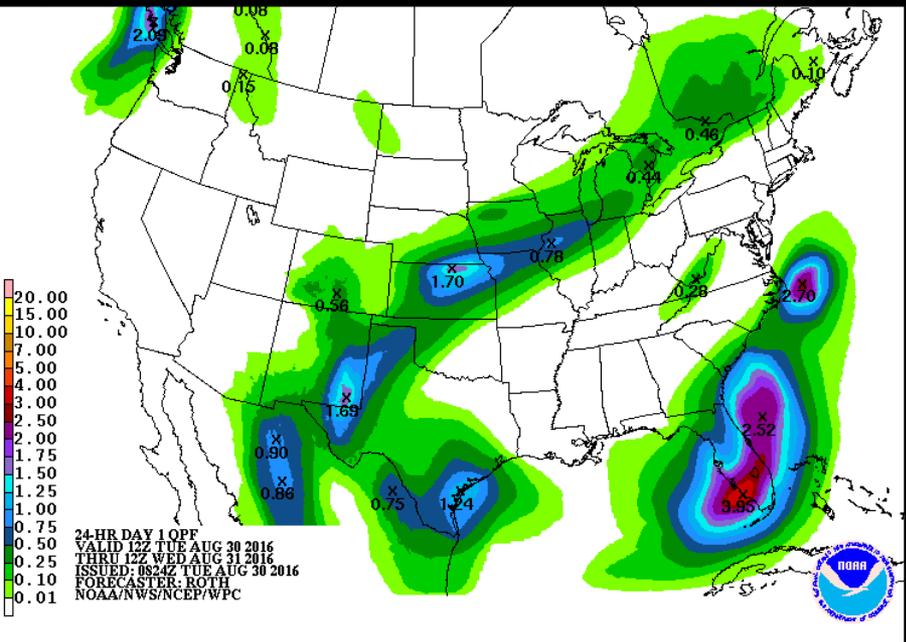
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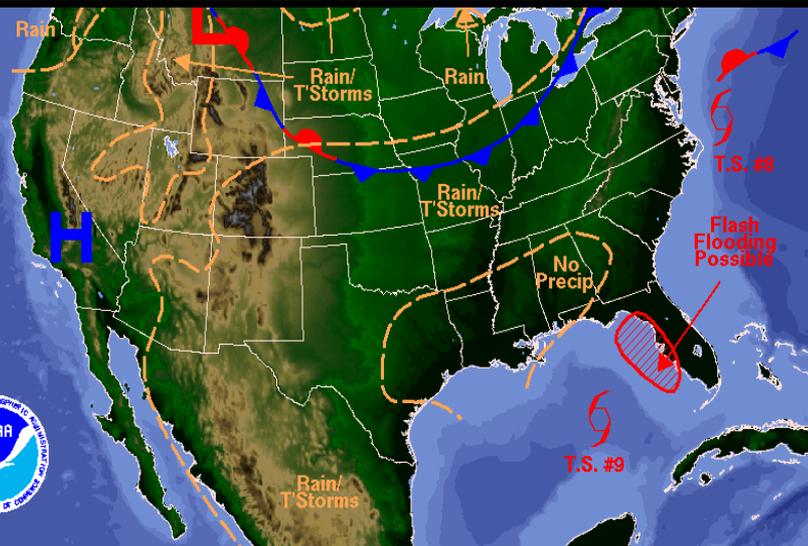
**Minor/Moderate River Flooding continues over SW LA but points continue to recede.**

**Some heavy rainfall/isolated flooding possible for two different areas: 1. NM into W OK, W TX and NW TX 2. Southern TX.**

Weather Forecast for Tue, Aug 30, 2016, issued 4:36 AM EDT  
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
 Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



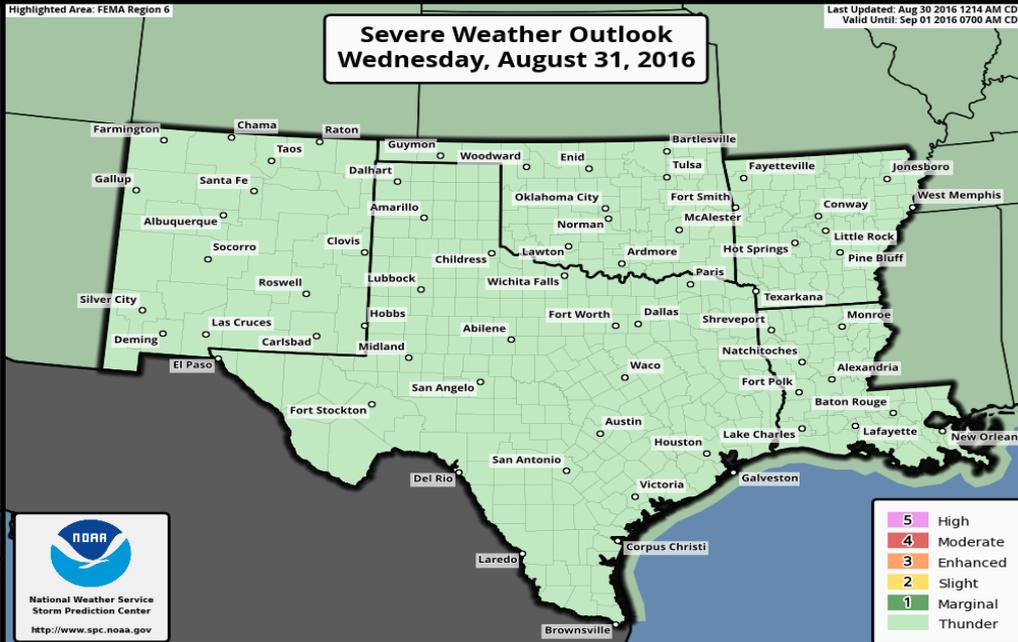
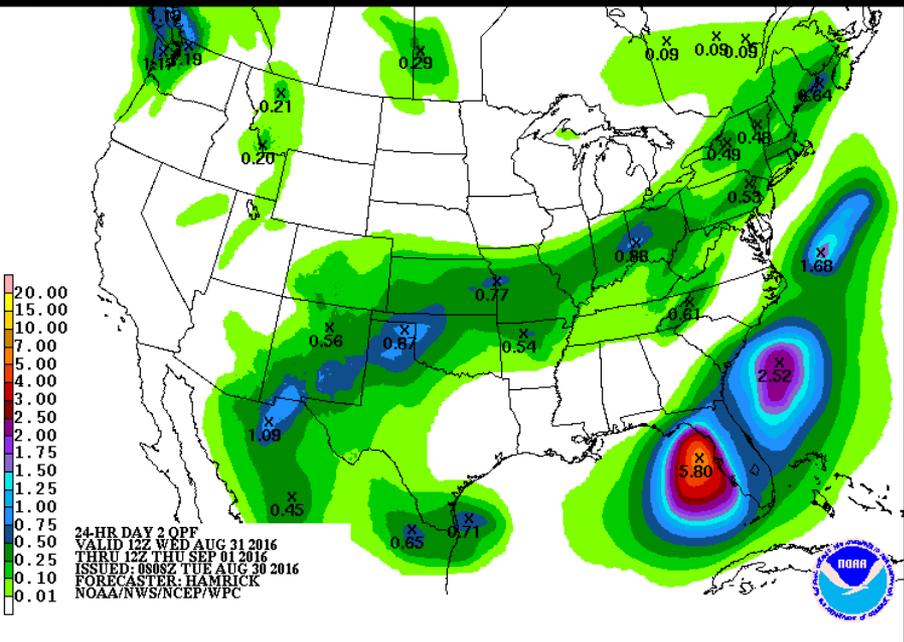
# Tomorrow's Weather



Weather Forecast for Wed, Aug 31, 2016, issued 4:51 AM EDT Tue, Aug 30, 2016  
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
 Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

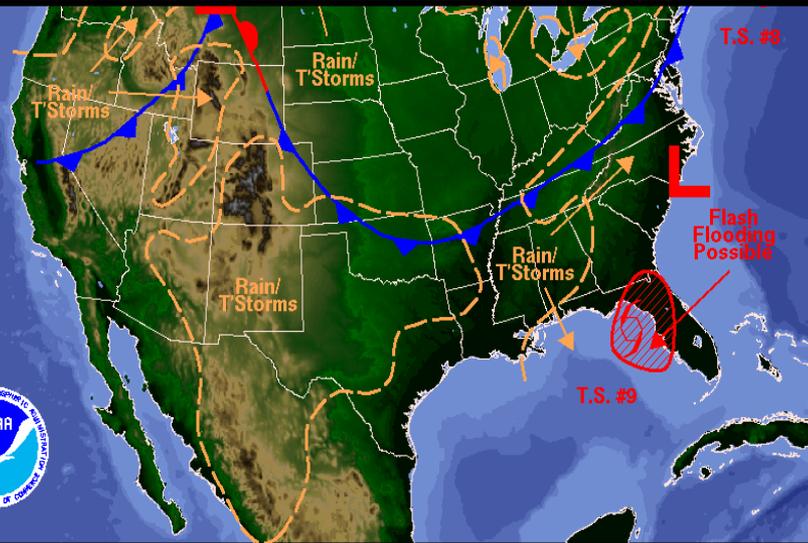
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5	High
4	Moderate
3	Enhanced
2	Slight
1	Marginal
	Thunder

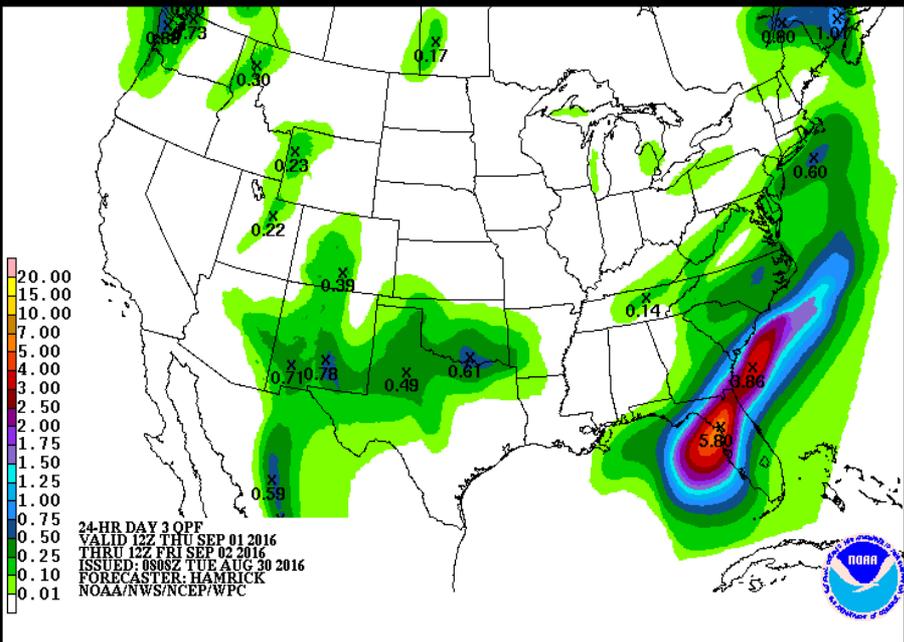
# Thursday's Weather



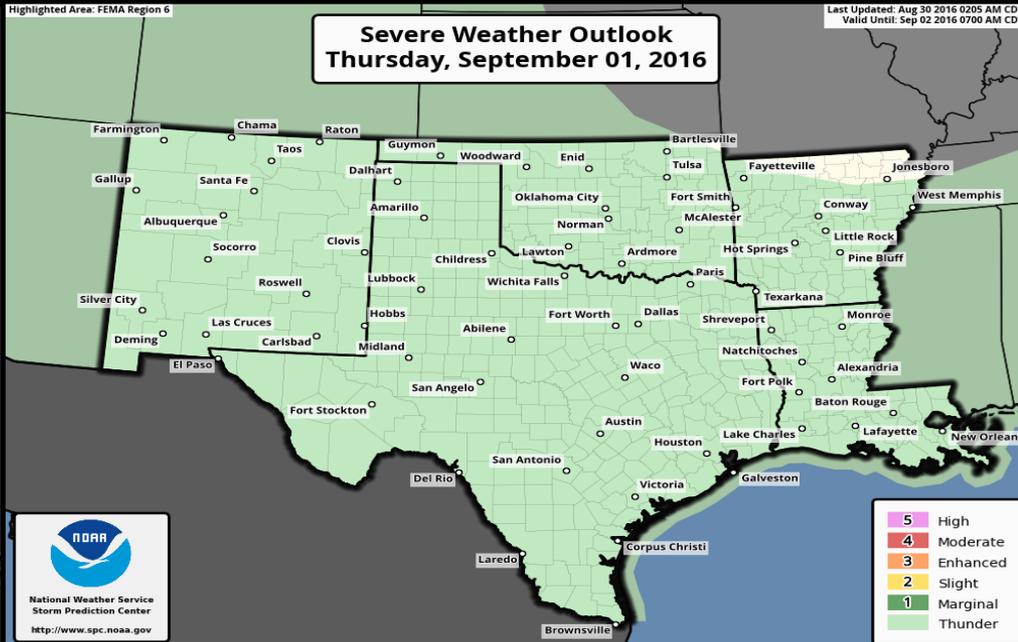
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**Minor/Moderate River Flooding continues over SW LA.**

**Some heavy rainfall/isolated flooding possible over SE NM, W TX & N TX**



24-HR DAY 3 OPF  
 VALID 12Z THU SEP 01 2016  
 THRU 12Z FRI SEP 02 2016  
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 FORECASTER: HAMRICK  
 NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC



**Severe Weather Outlook  
 Thursday, September 01, 2016**

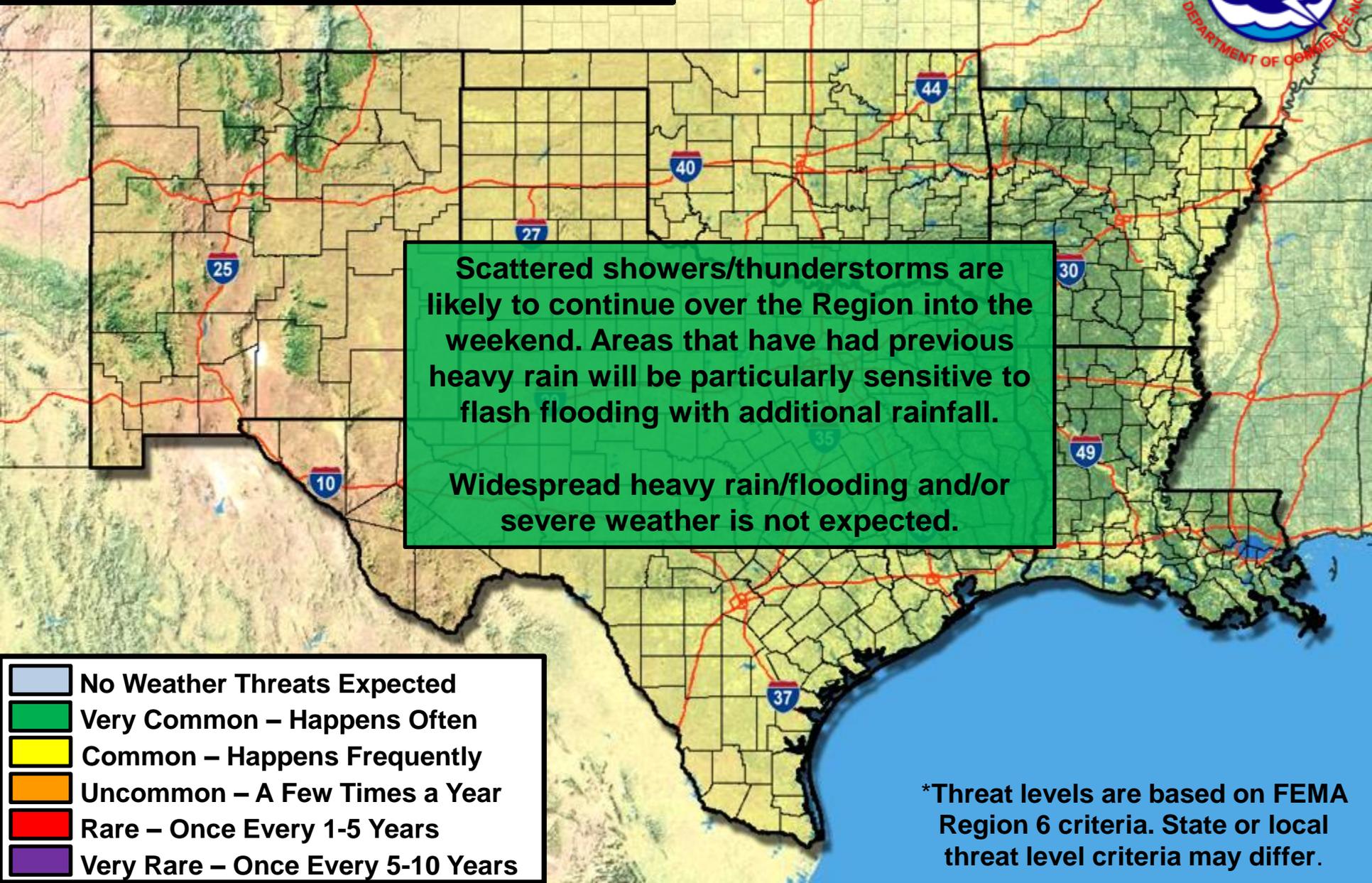
Last Updated: Aug 30 2016 0205 AM CDT  
 Valid Until: Sep 02 2016 0700 AM CDT



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

# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Fri - 0800 Sun



Scattered showers/thunderstorms are likely to continue over the Region into the weekend. Areas that have had previous heavy rain will be particularly sensitive to flash flooding with additional rainfall.

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

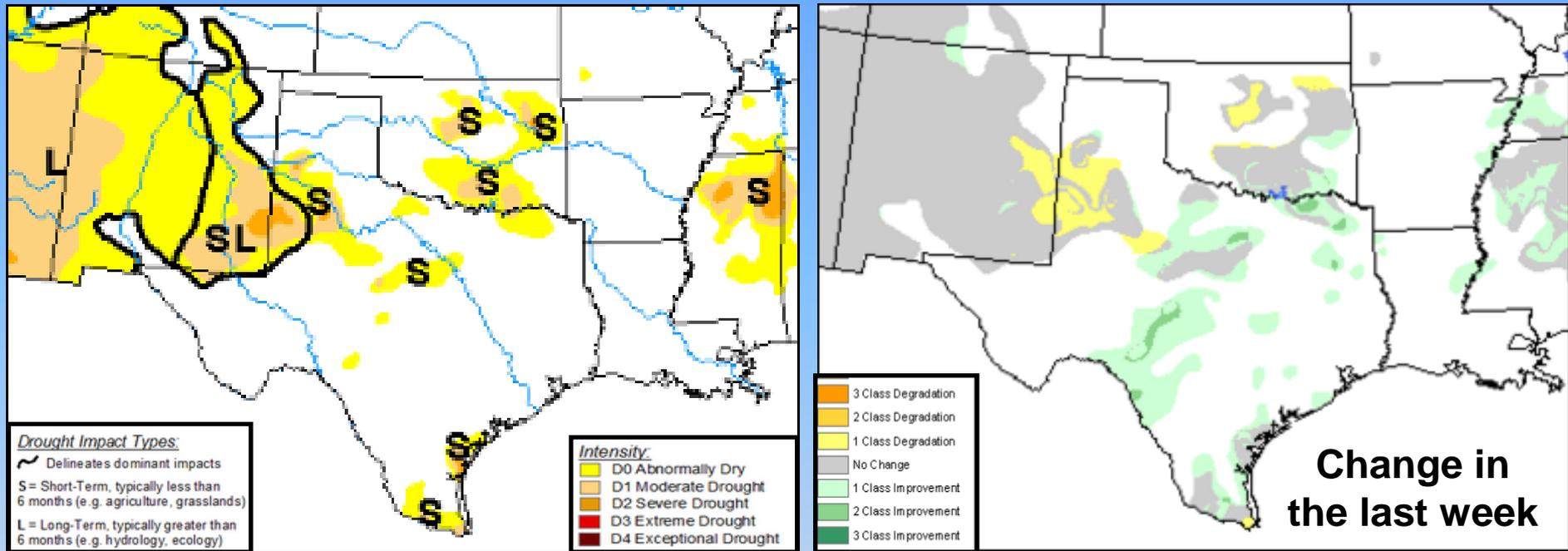
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- Very Common – Happens Often
- Common – Happens Frequently
- Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
- Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
- Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

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



# Drought Monitor Released August 25, 2016

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday August 23, 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%

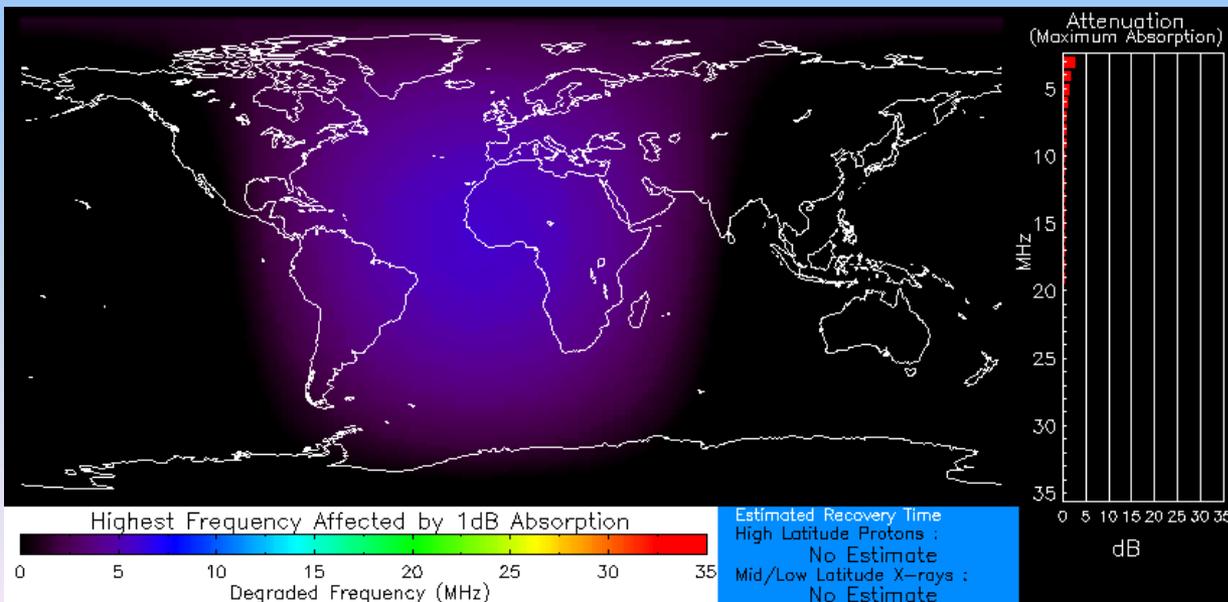
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	5%	5%	5%
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>