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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, May 24, 2026

**Disclaimer:** The purpose of this briefing is to provide a ***Regional*** weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview. County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information. To find your local NWS forecast office, go to [www.weather.gov/srh](http://www.weather.gov/srh).





# Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) today over SE LA, and again tomorrow.
- Additional heavy rainfall will spread across TX, LA Tuesday through Thursday.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Monitoring portions of W NM for dry lighting tomorrow that could start new fires.

- **Severe Storms:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe thunderstorms in W/SW TX Tuesday.

- **River Flooding:**

- Monitoring TX/LA for widespread minor to moderate river flooding through the Memorial Day weekend and into next week.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Sunday, May 24	Monday, May 25	Tuesday, May 26	Wednesday, May 27	Thursday, May 28	Friday, May 29	Saturday, May 30
Severe Storms	OK Panhandle		W/SW TX				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE LA	SE LA	CTX, E LA	SE/E TX, W LA	E OK, AR, E TX, LA		
Heat							
Fire Weather		W NM (Dry Lightning)		W NM	W NM		
River Flooding	TX, LA	TX, LA	TX, LA	TX, LA	TX, LA	TX, LA	TX, LA

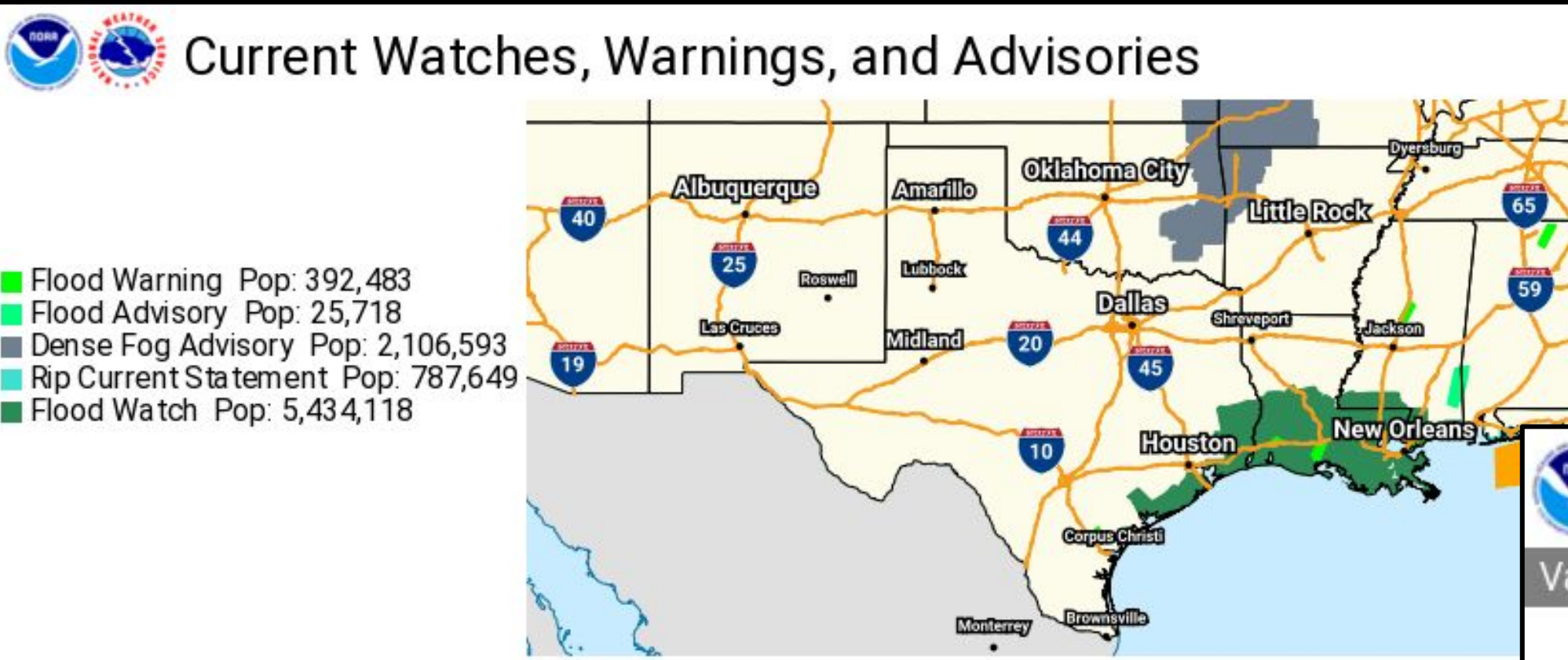
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

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

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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# Current Radar/Hazards



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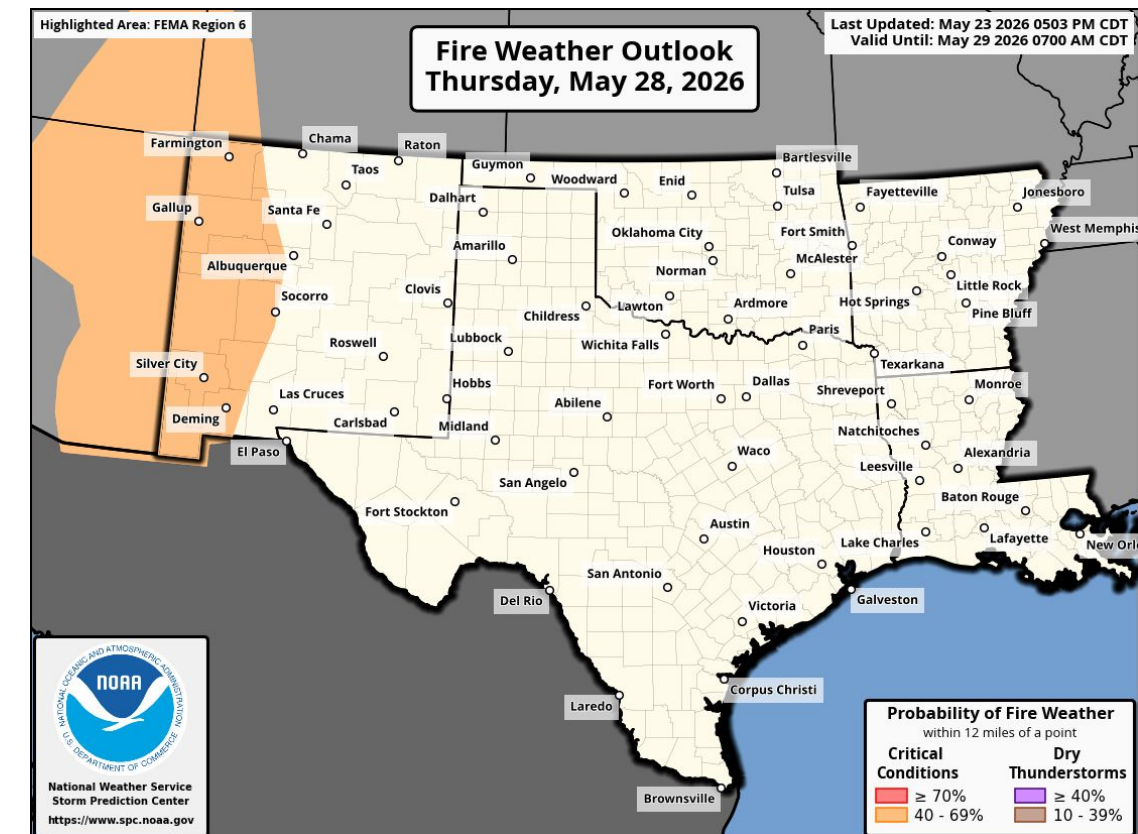
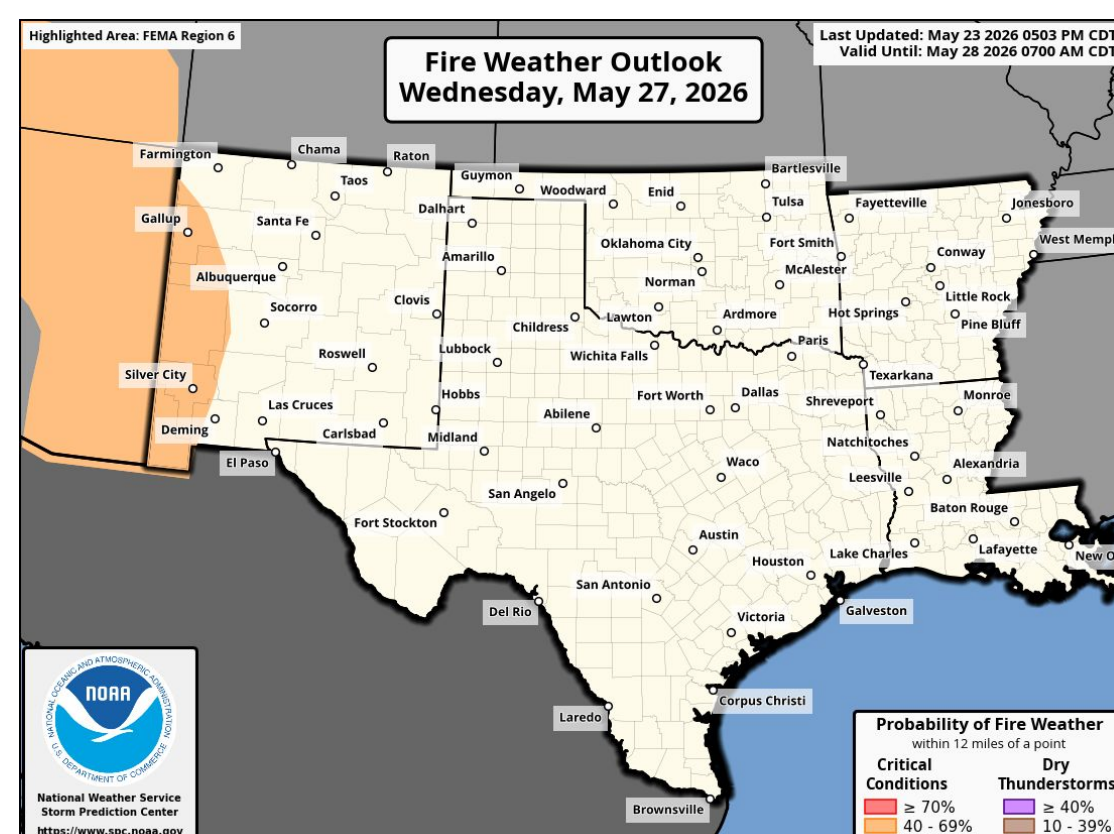
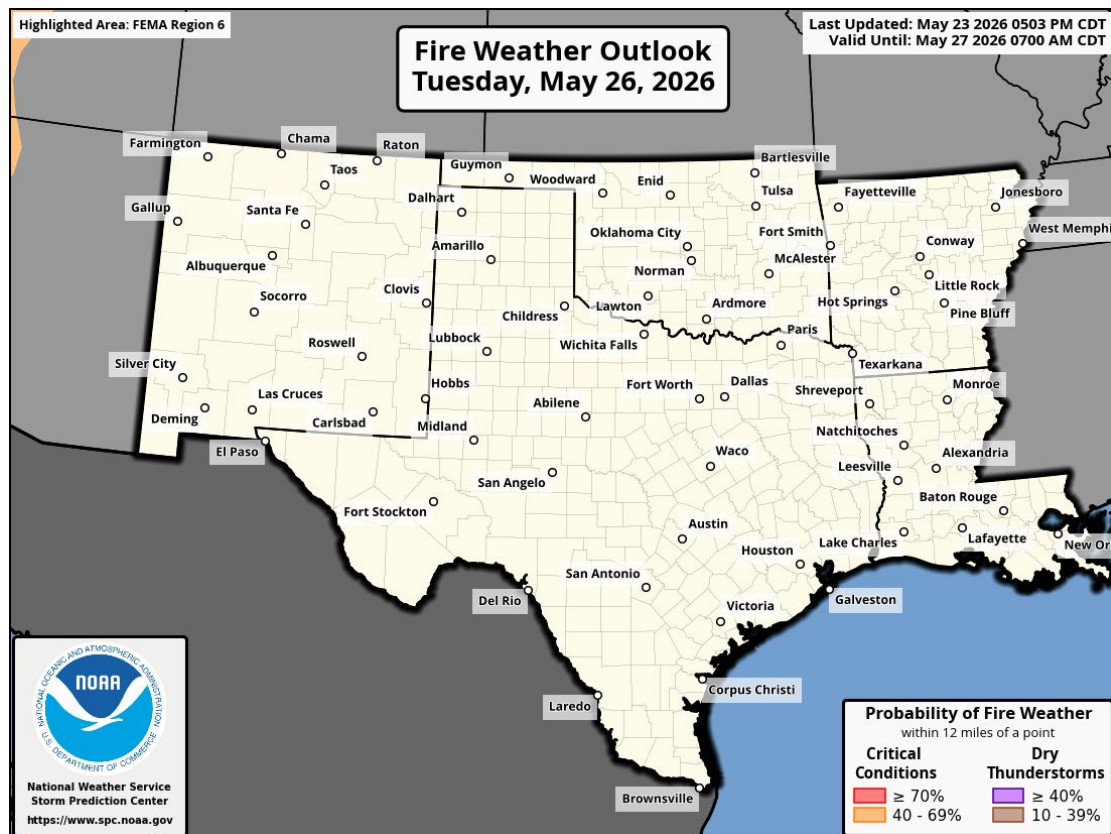
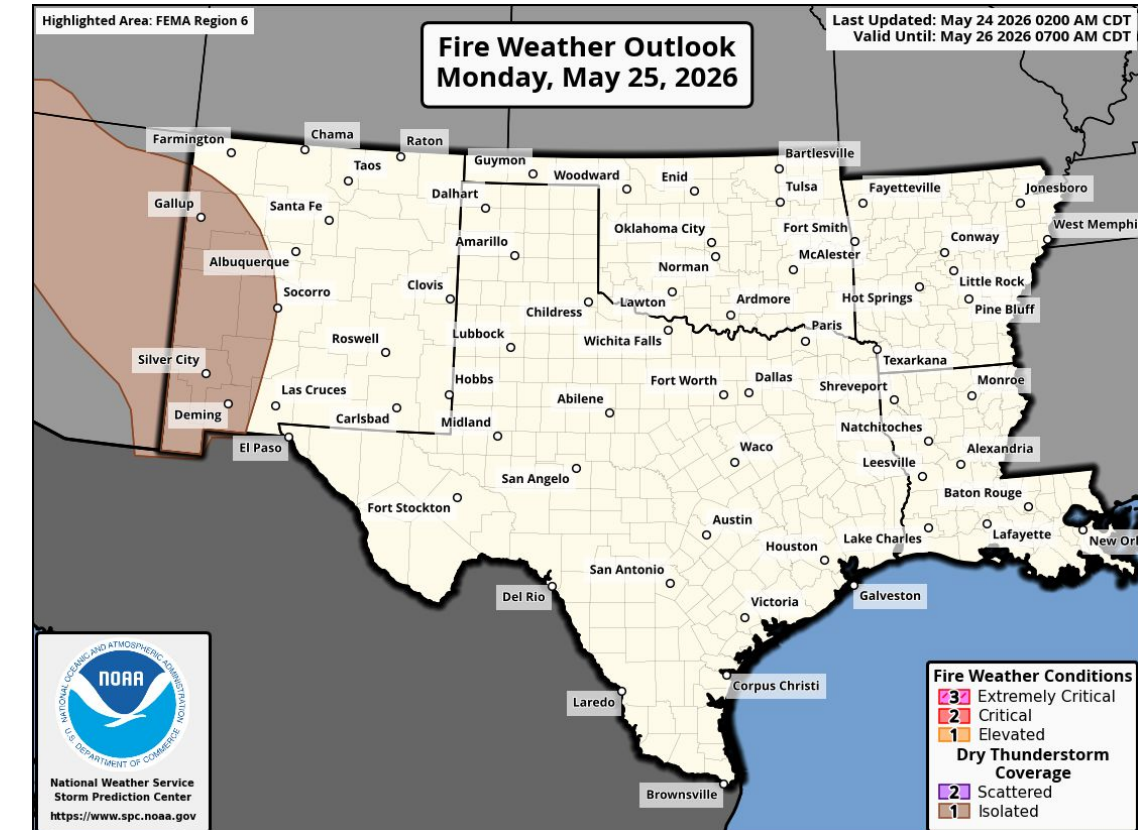
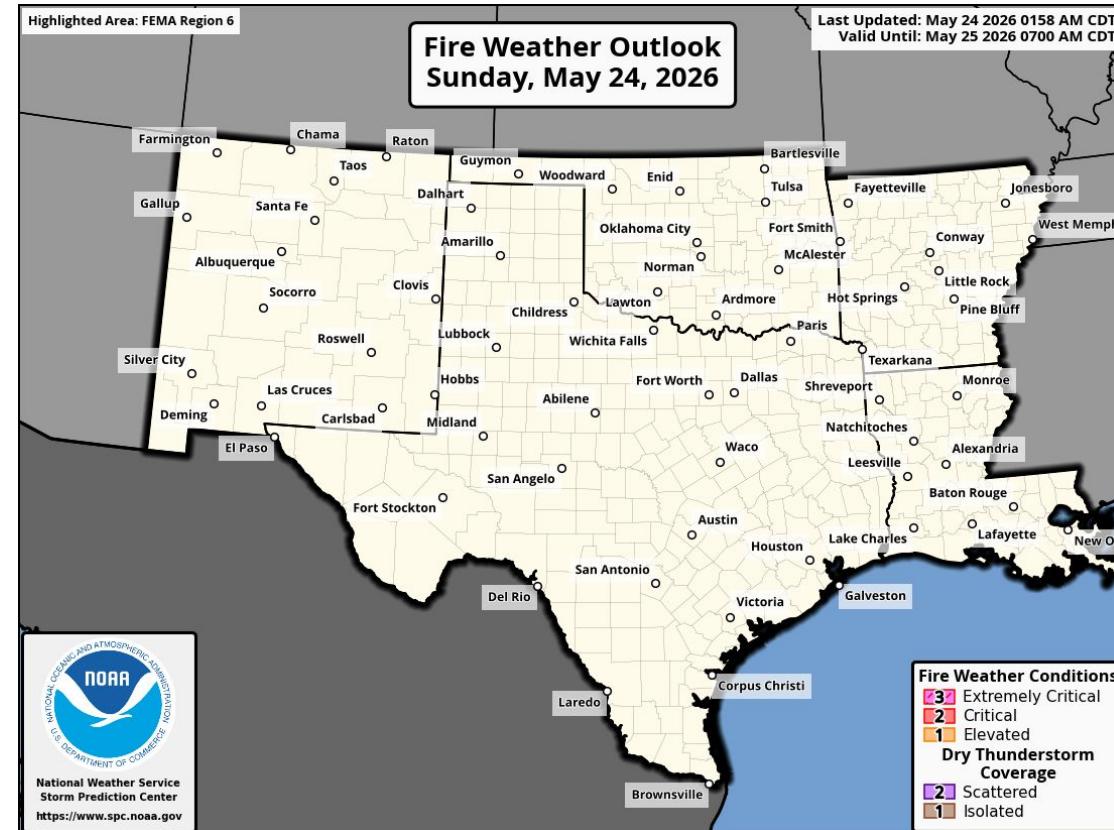
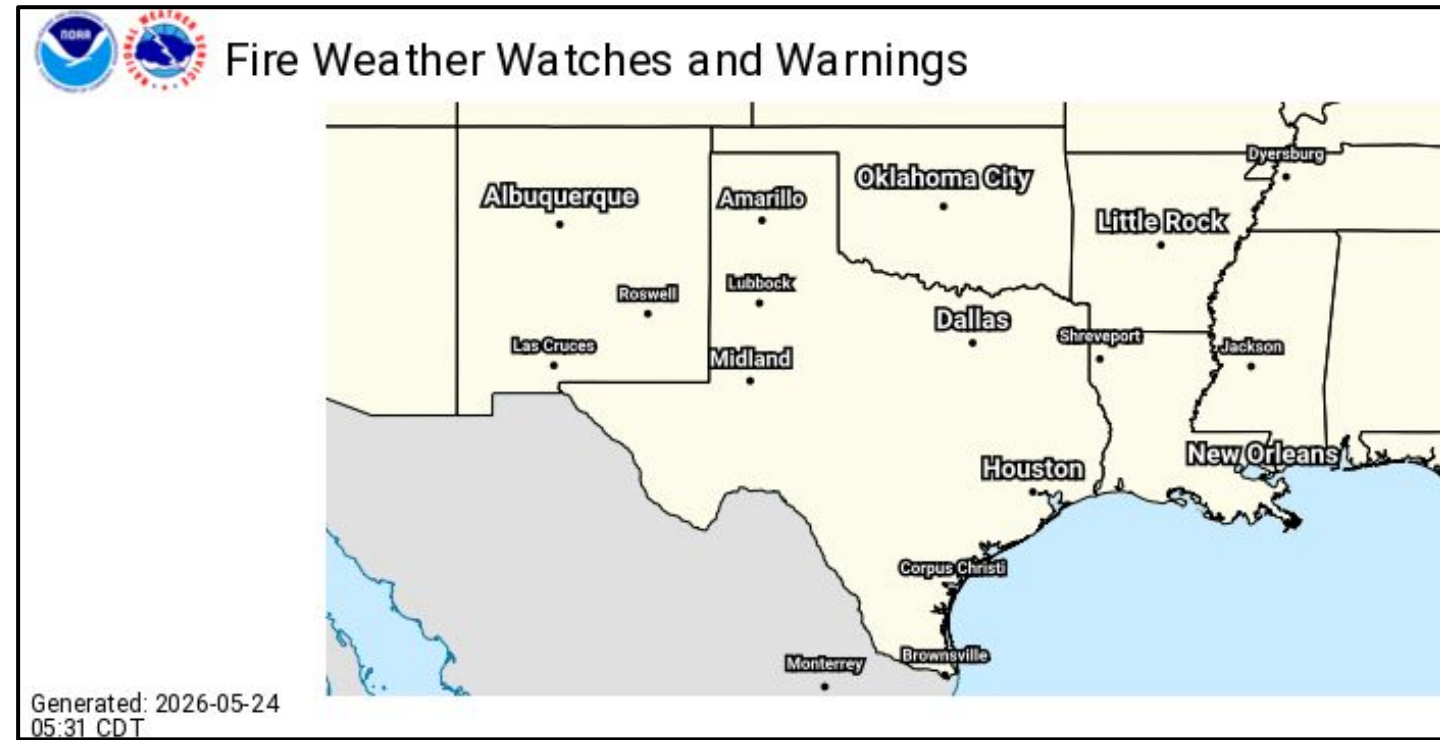
**Flood Watches in SE TX, LA through Memorial Day.**

**An additional 6-8" of rain in SE TX, and S LA is conceivable.**





# Fire Weather Outlooks





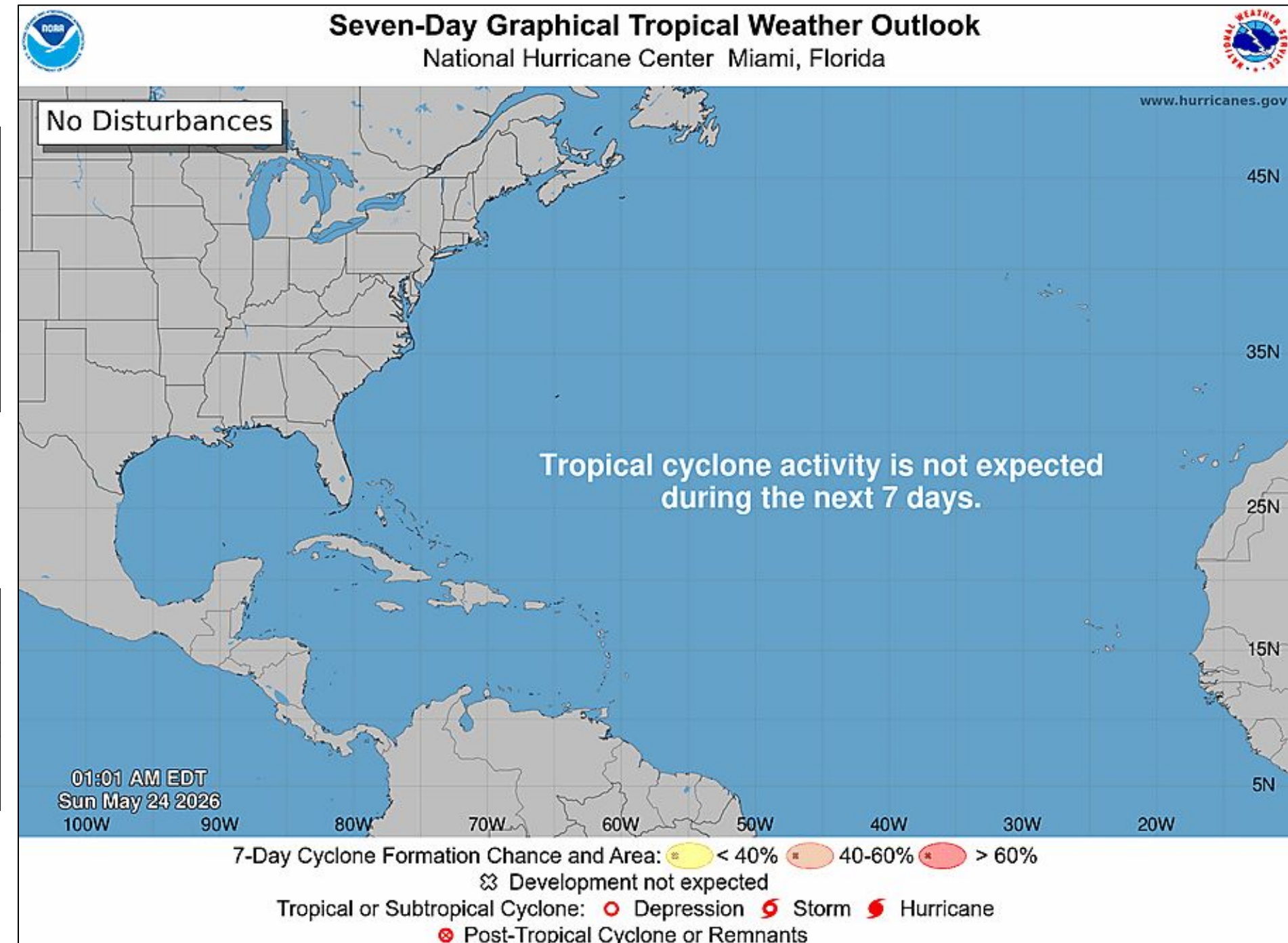
# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

## Areas of Possible Development

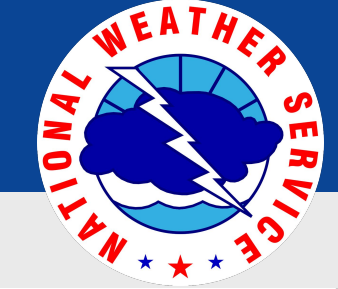
Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6

## Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
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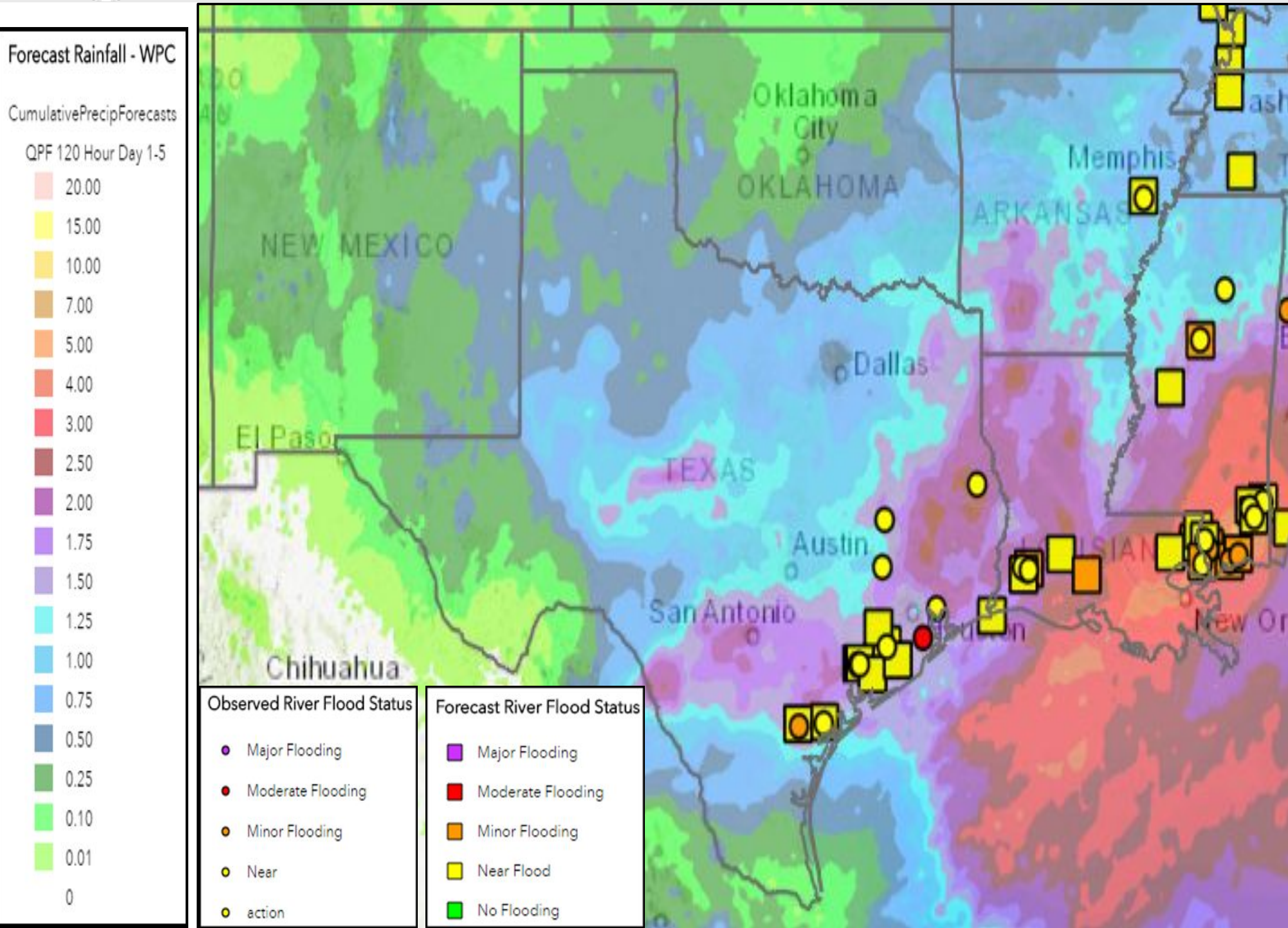


See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms



# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



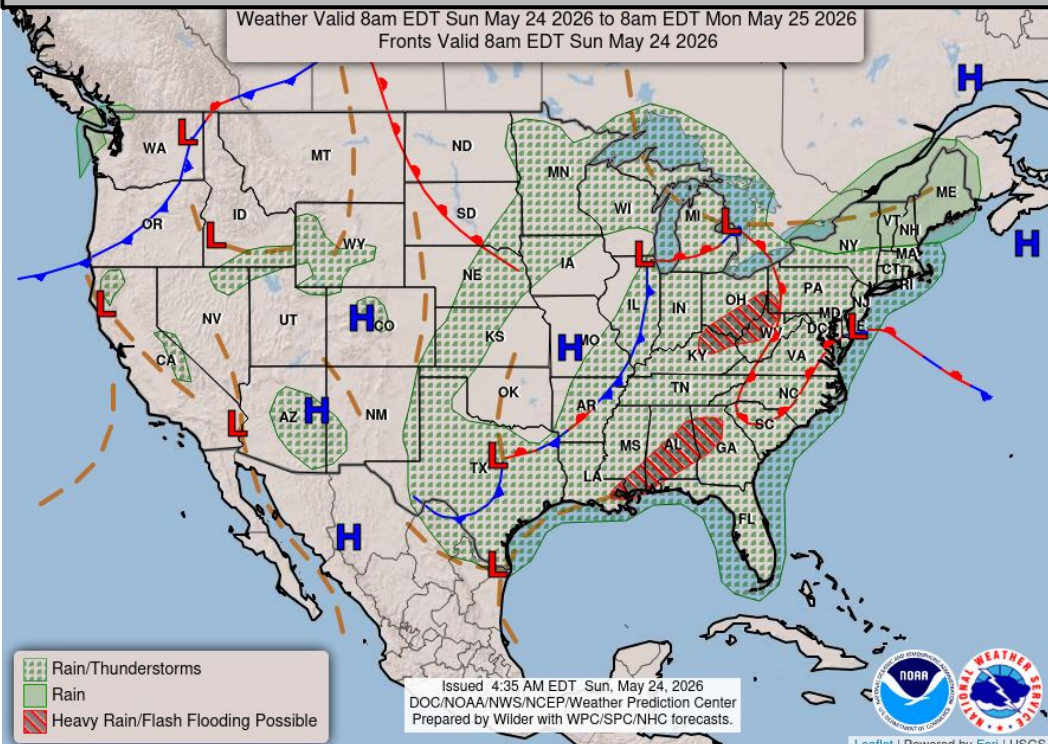
**Monitoring TX and S LA for widespread minor to moderate river flooding over areas of TX and LA this week.**

Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.

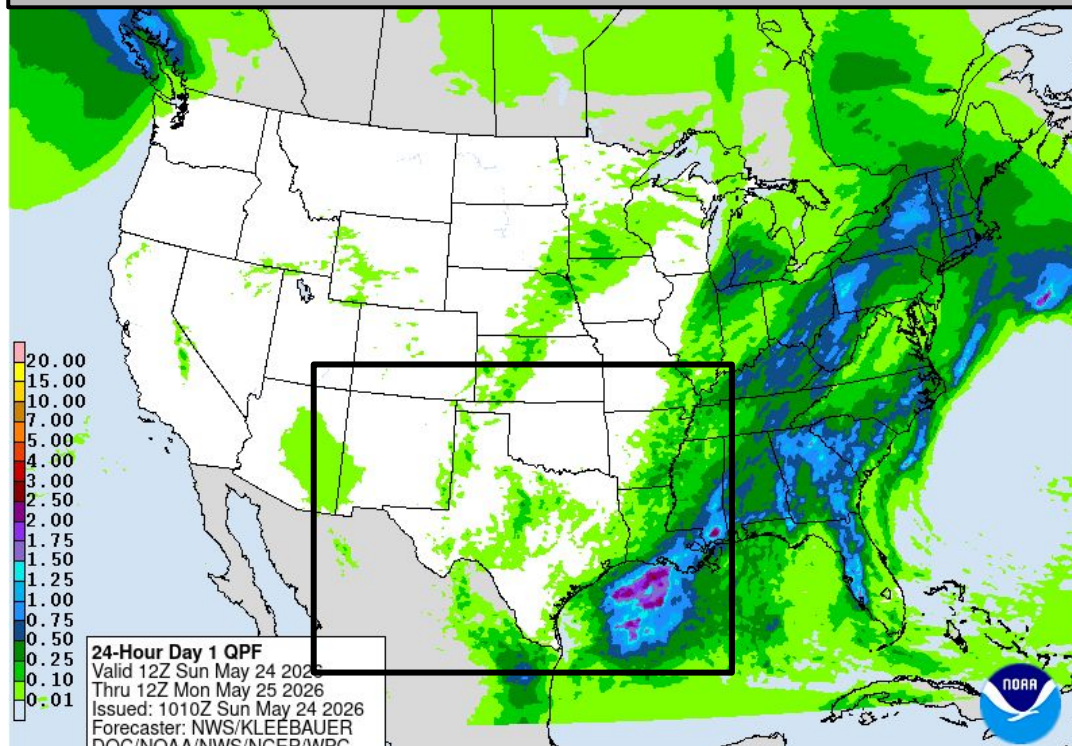


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



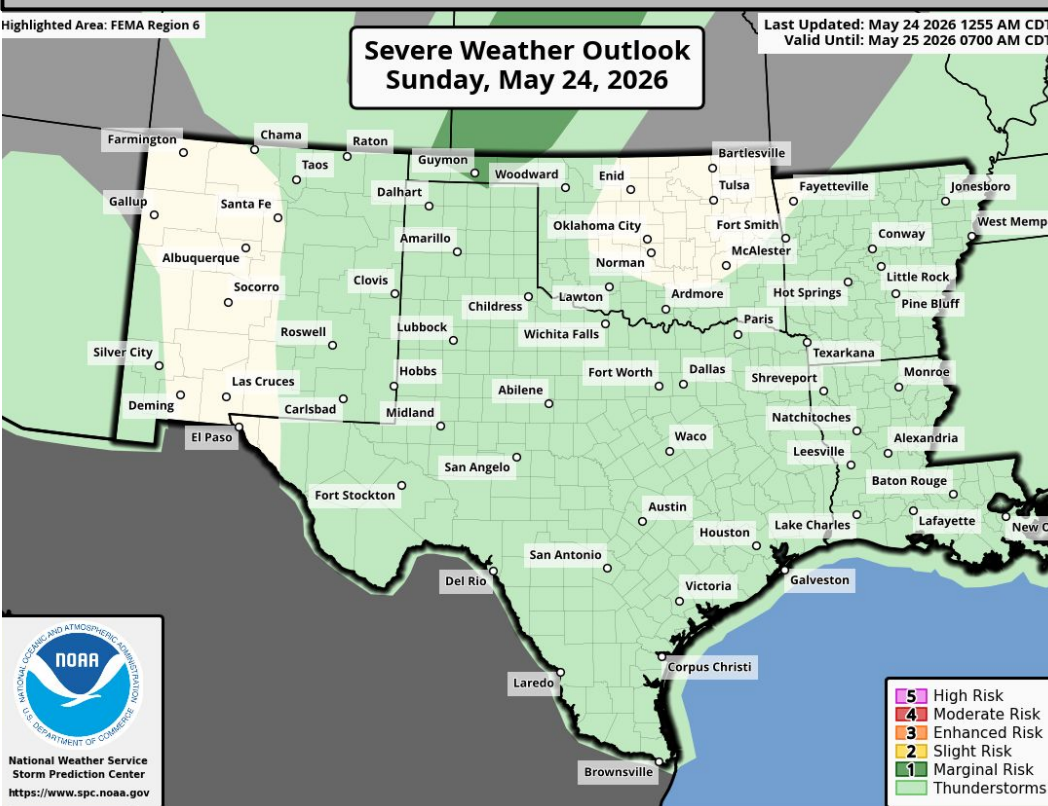
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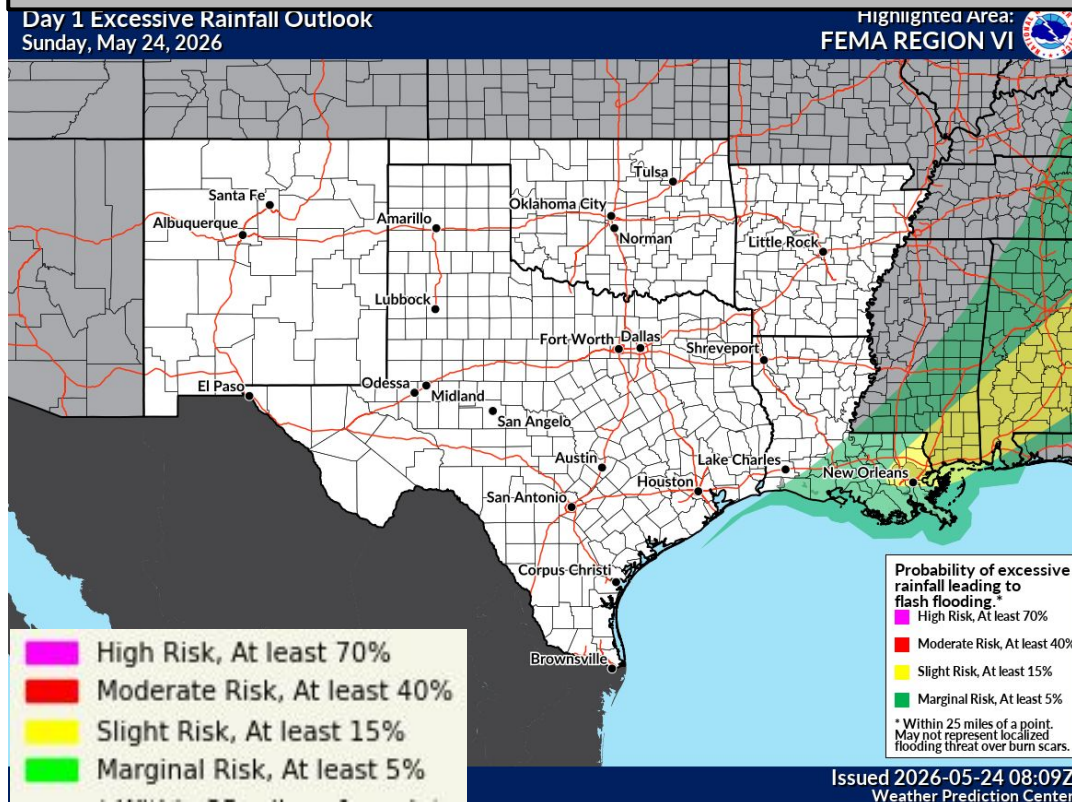
**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in SE LA. Localized 3-6'' of additional rainfall may cause flash flooding in rain-soaked areas.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in the OK Panhandle.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

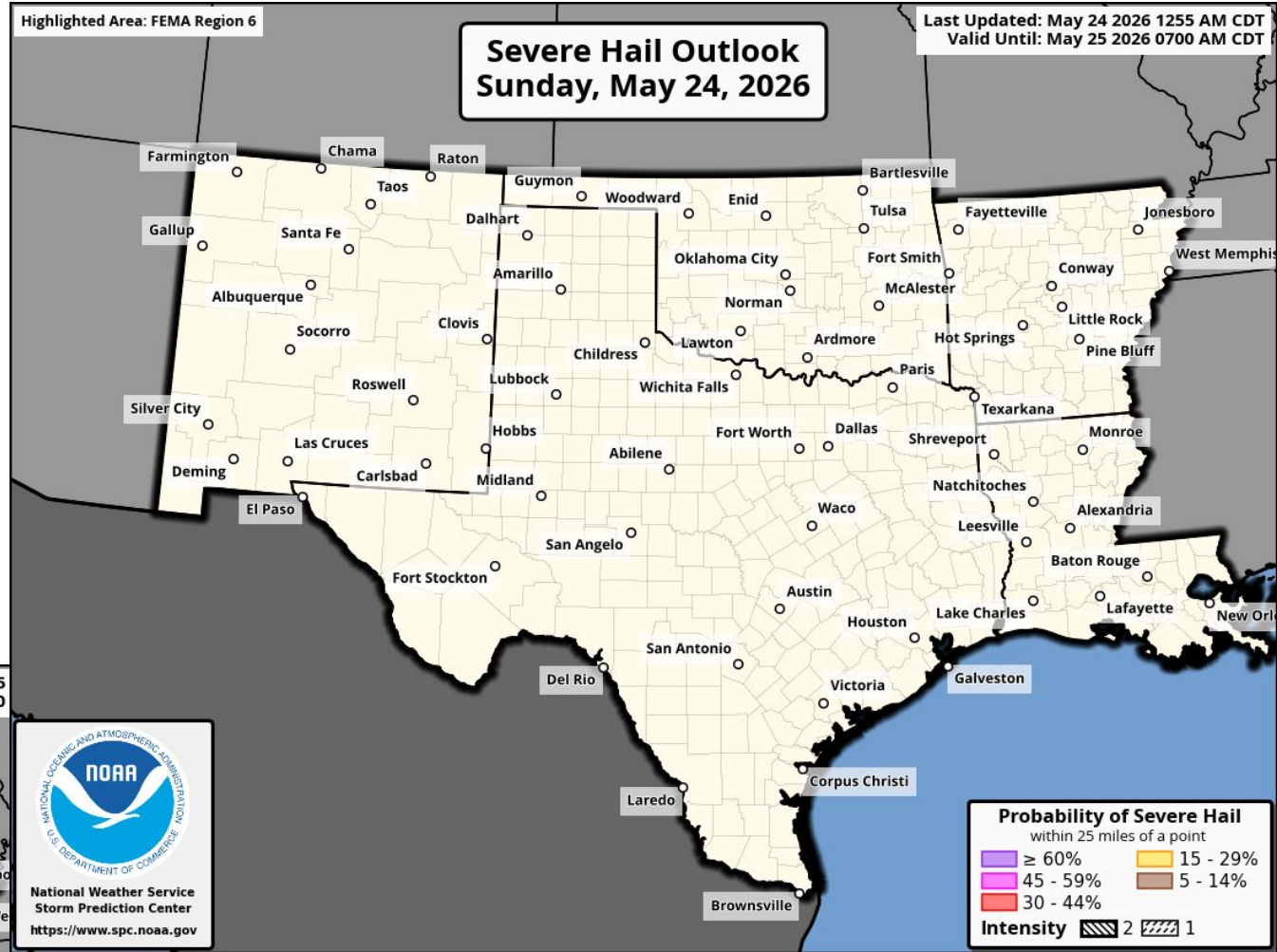
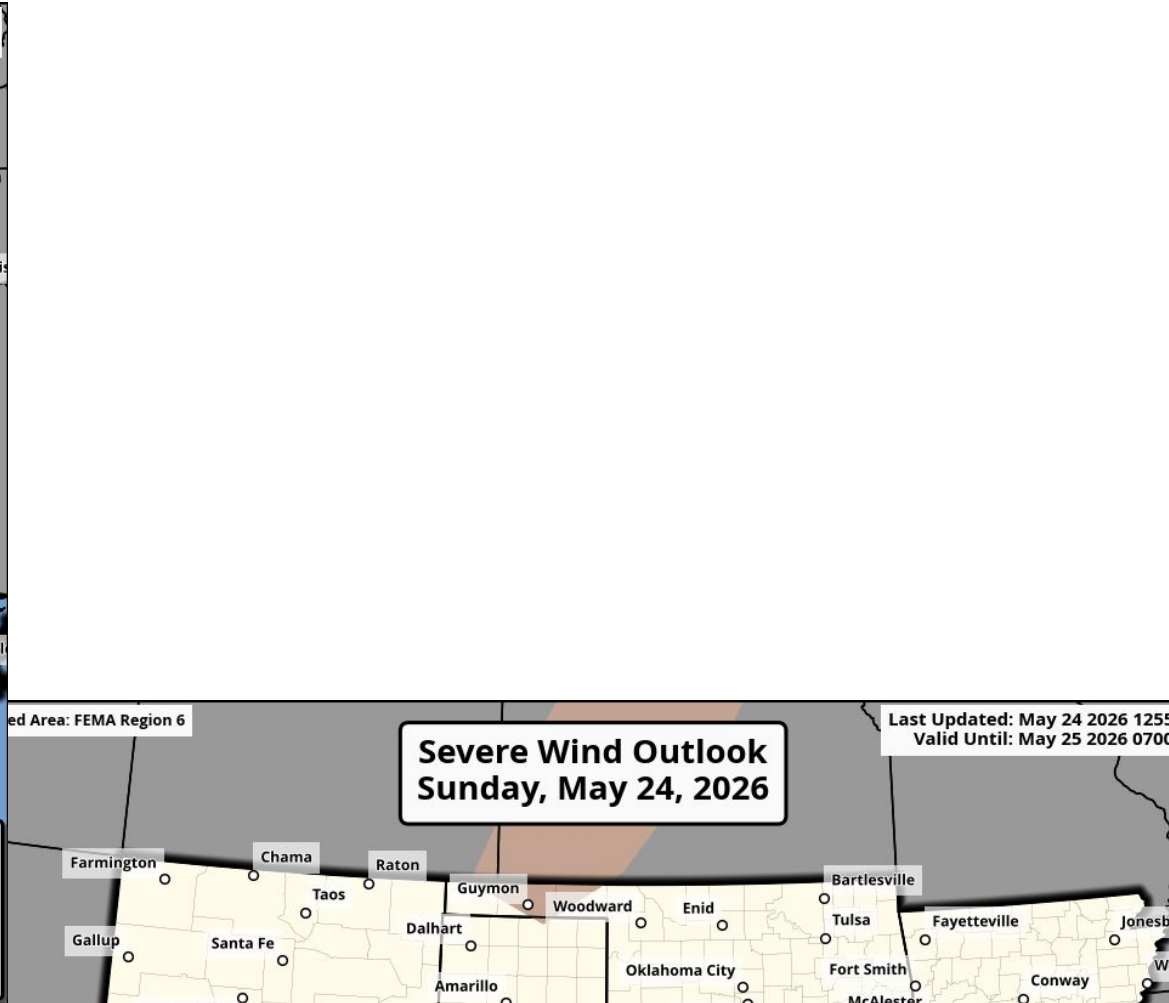
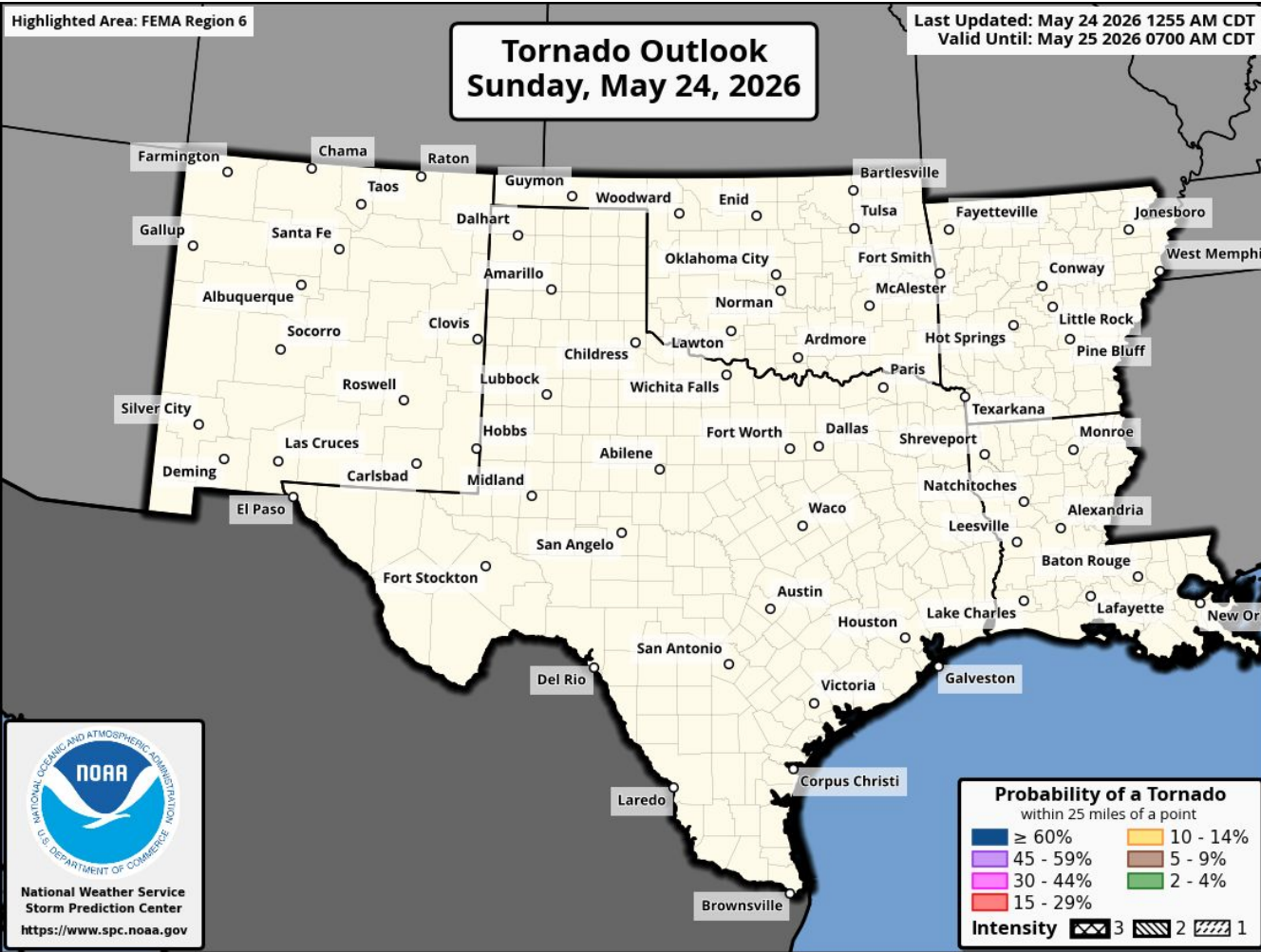


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





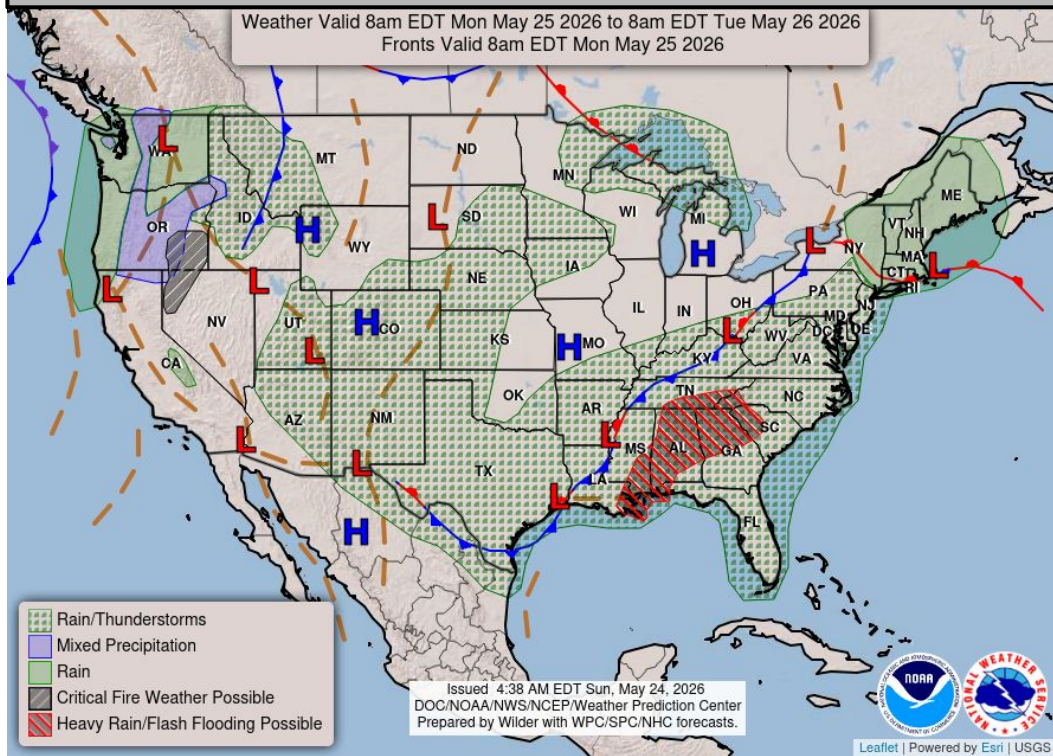
# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



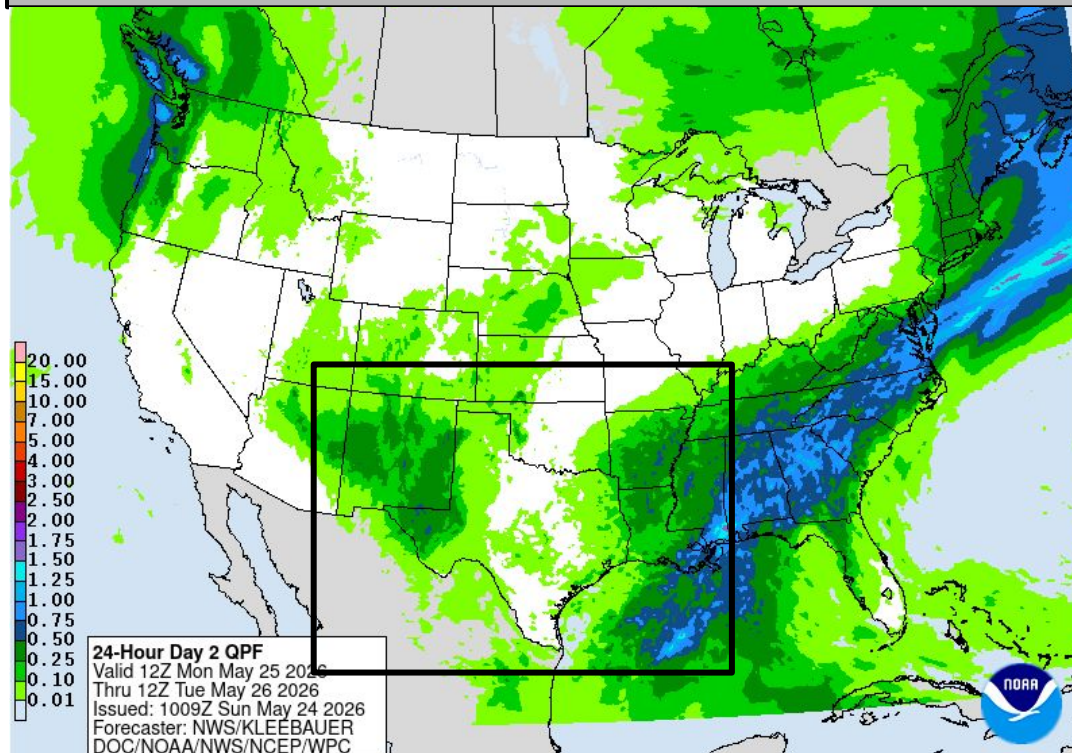


# Tomorrow's Weather

## Forecast Chart



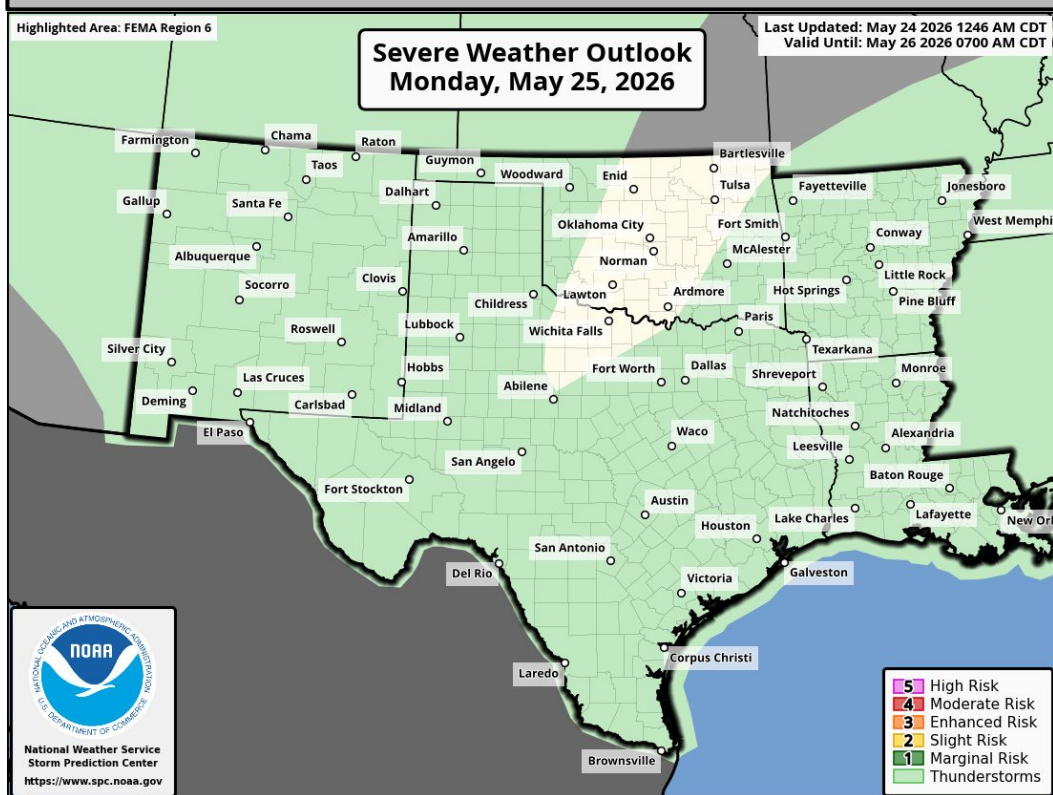
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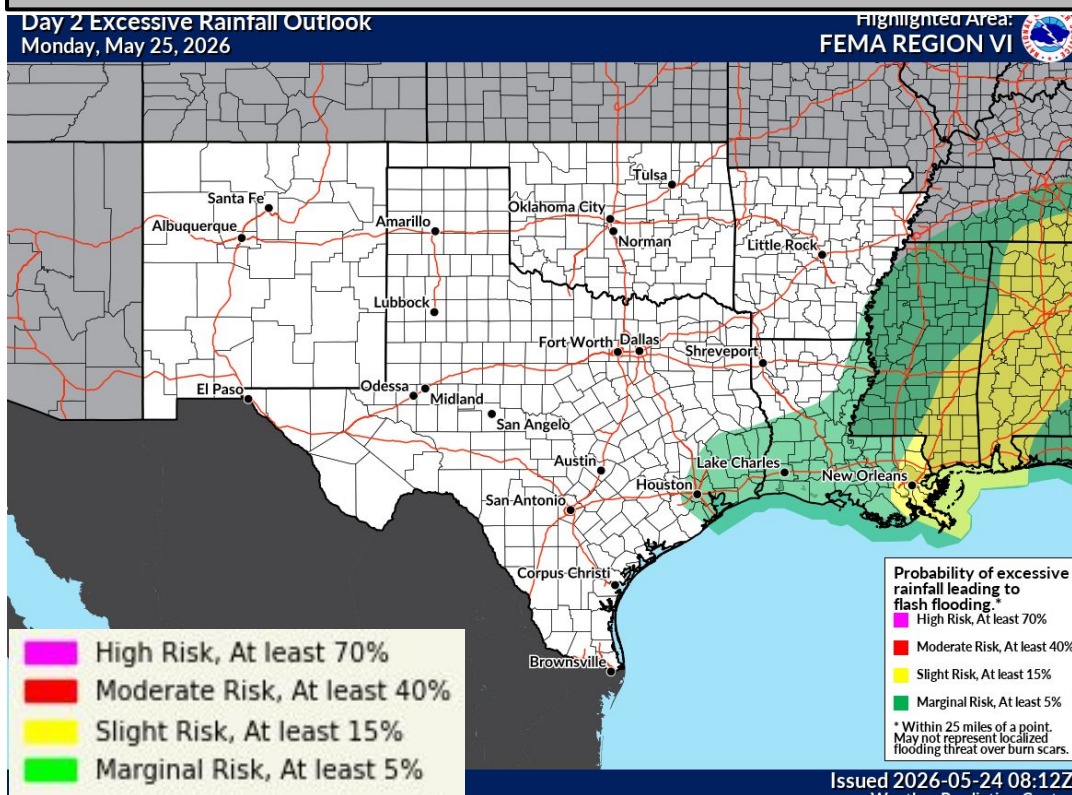
**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in SE LA.**

**Dry thunderstorms in W NM may start new fires.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

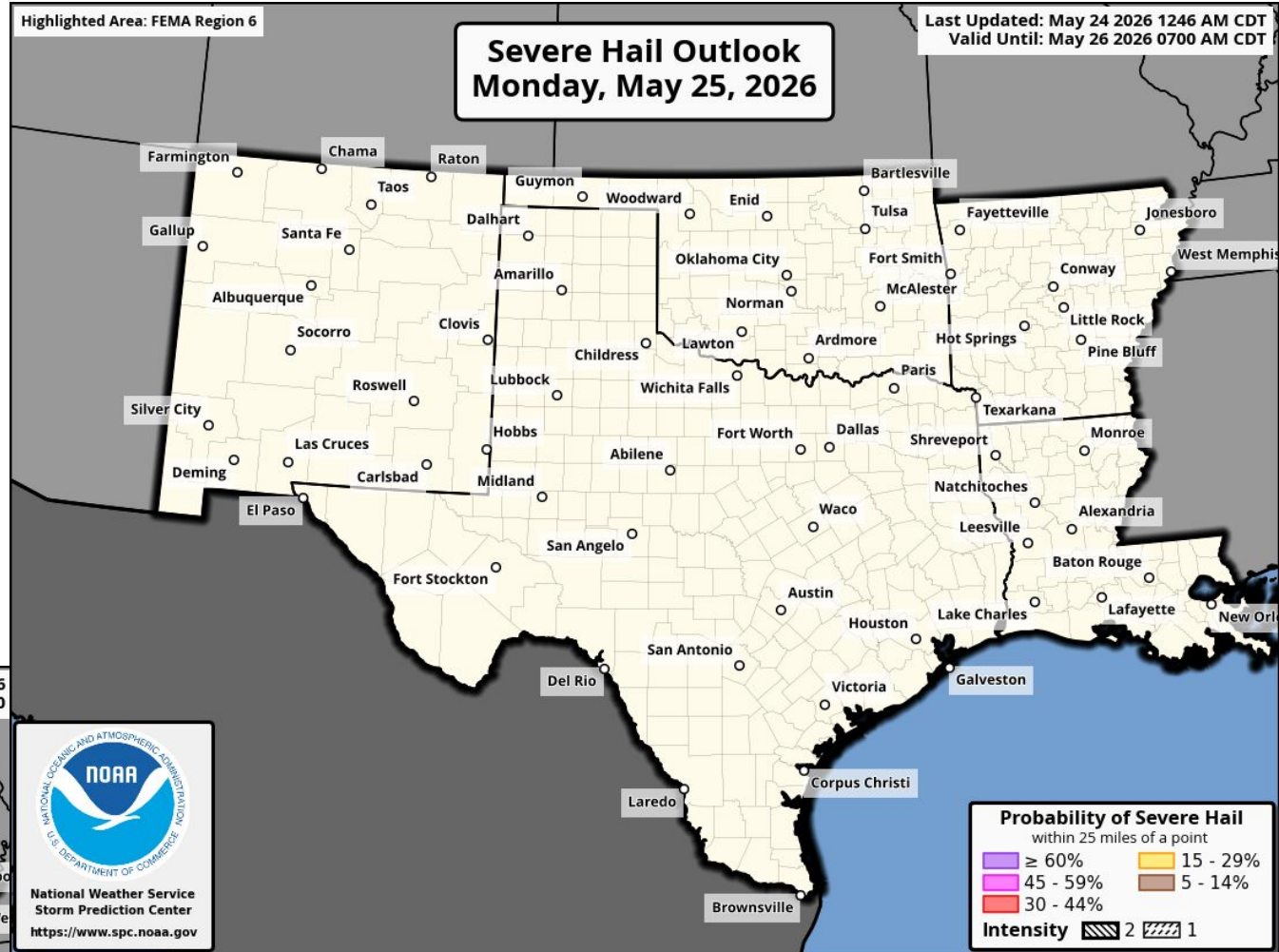
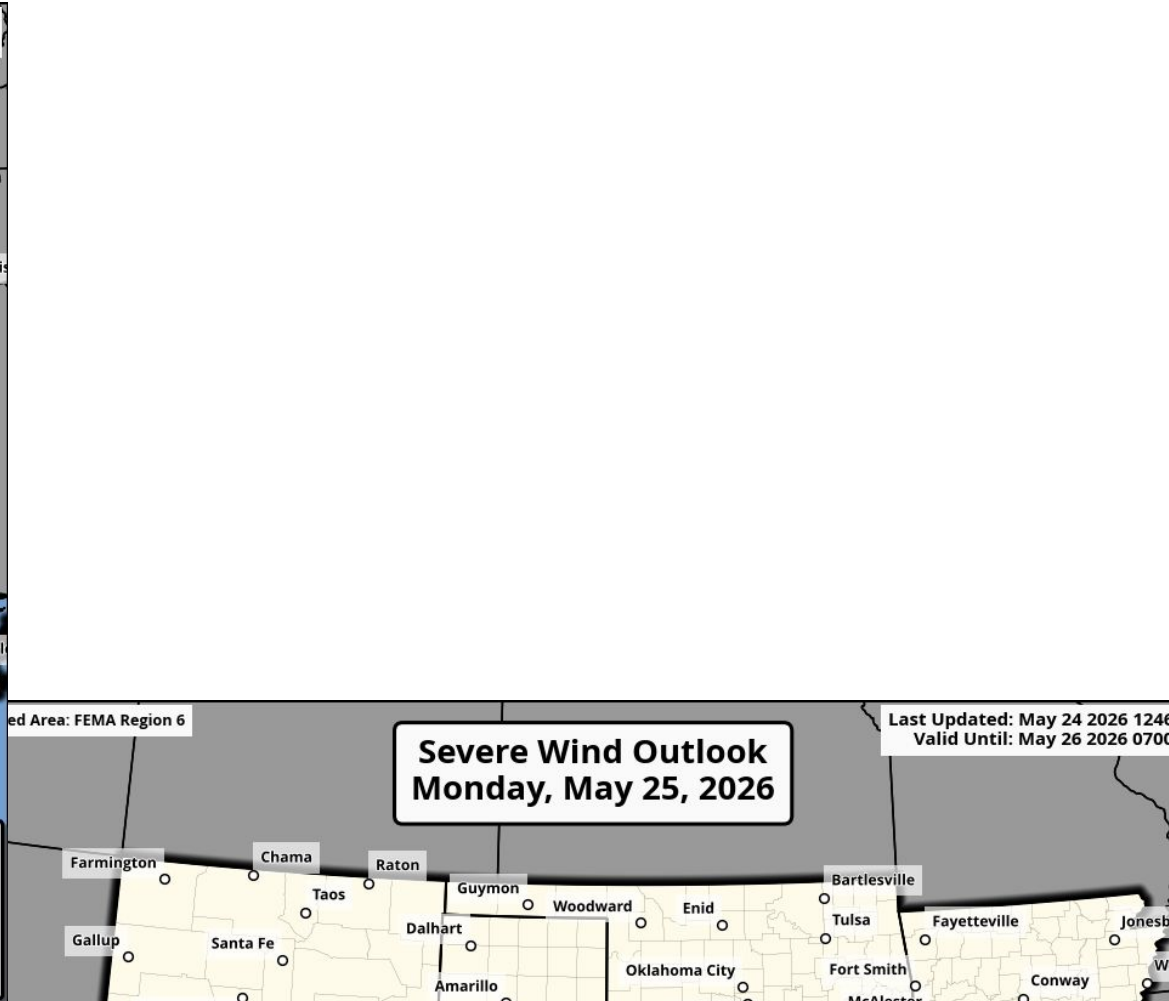
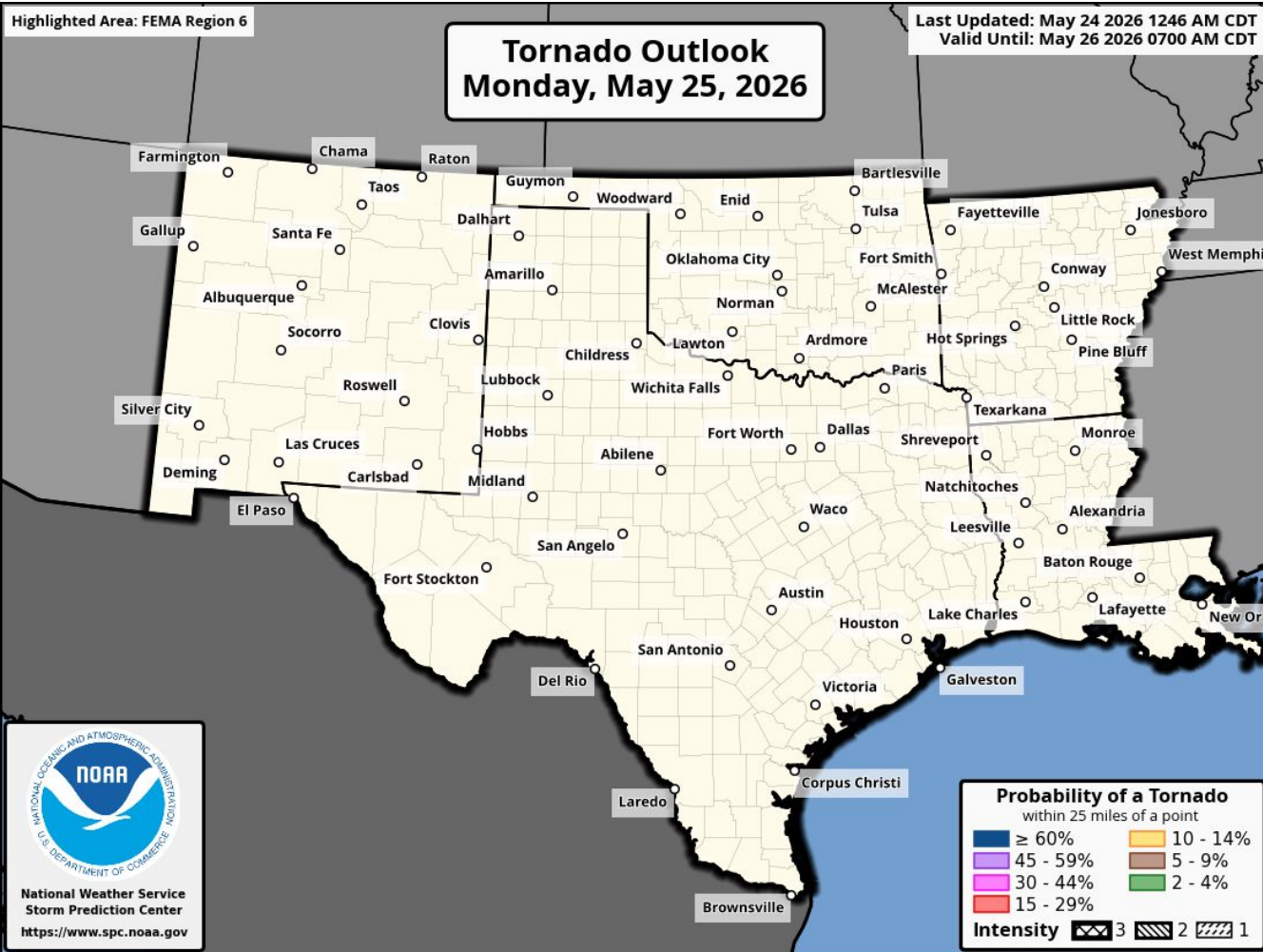


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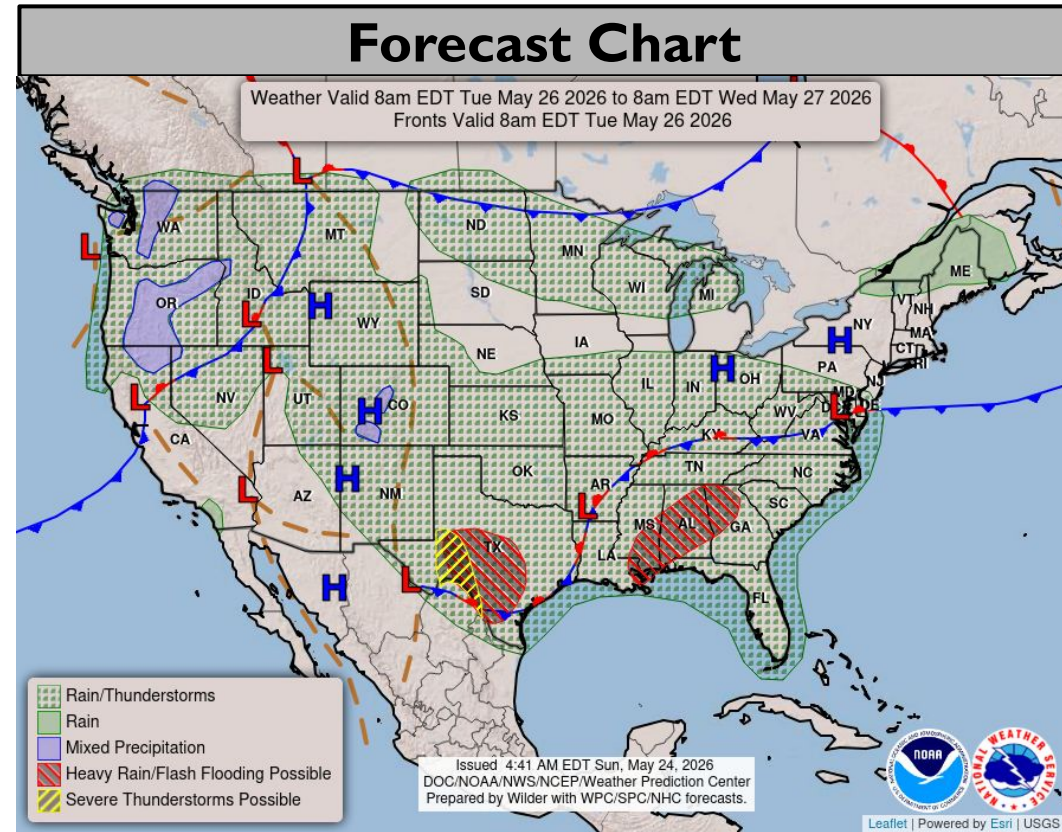
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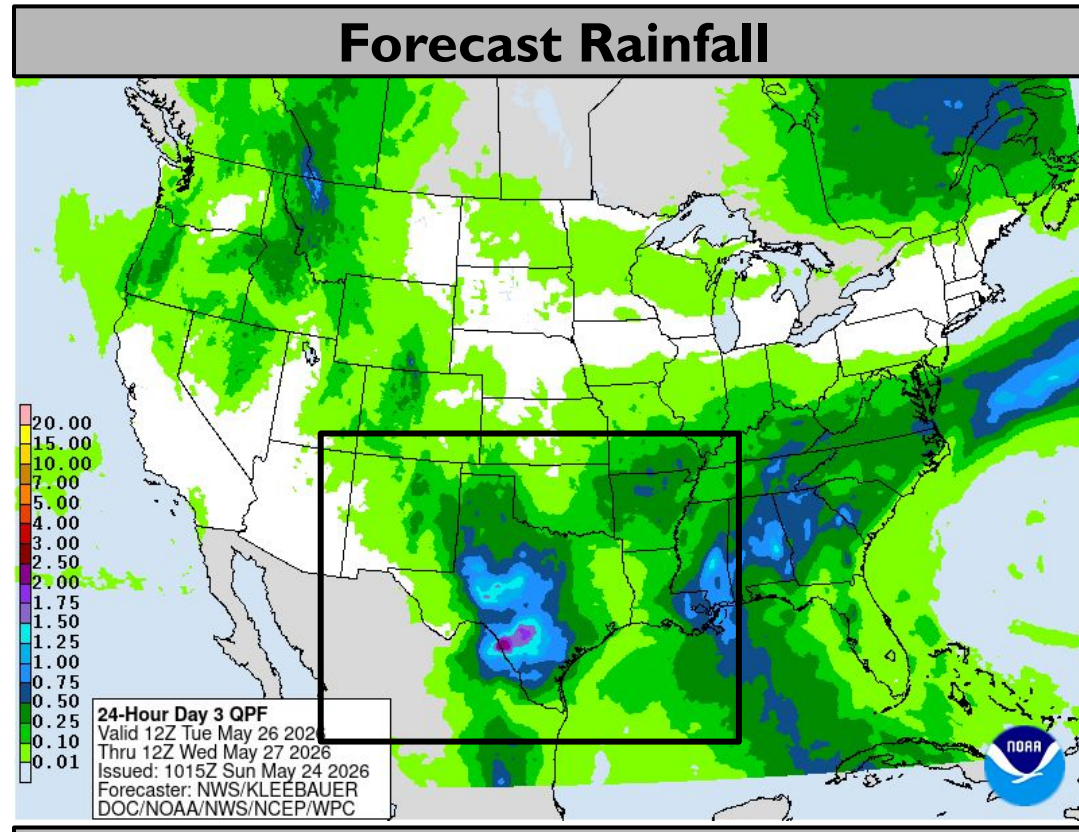


# Tuesday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



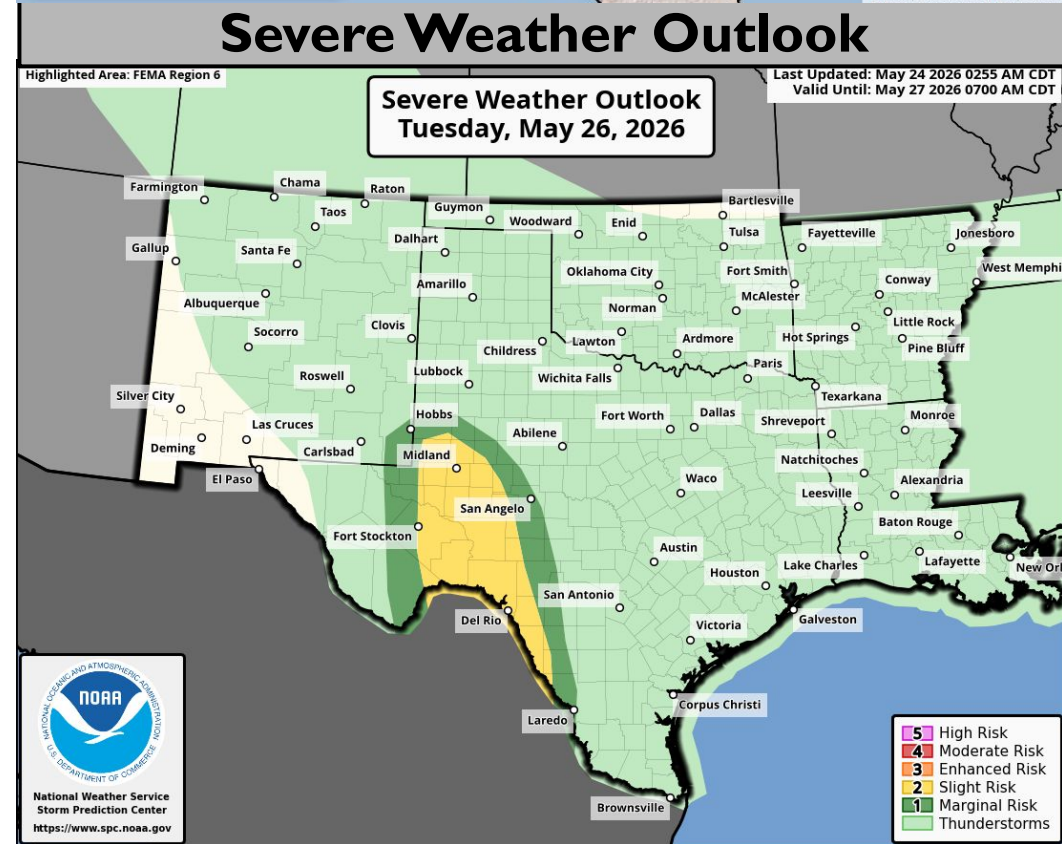
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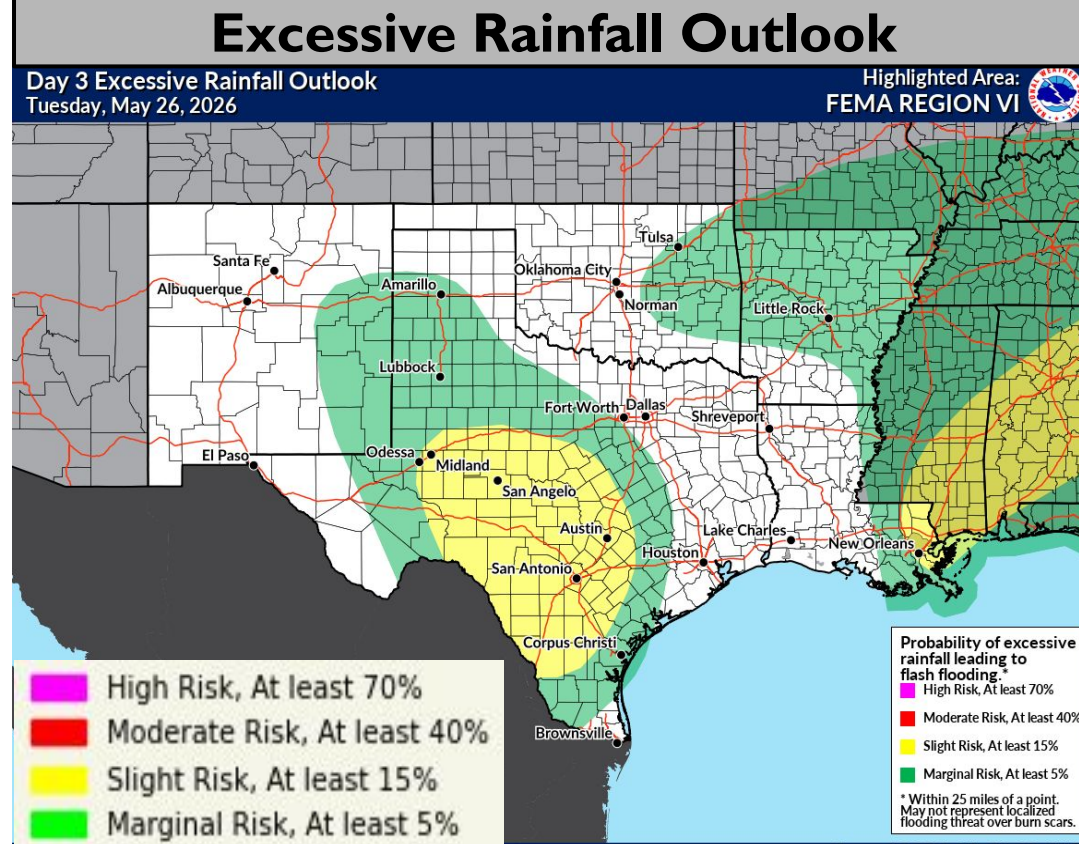
**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in CTX, and E LA.**

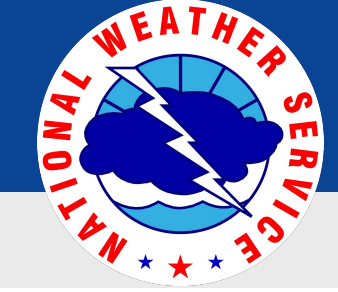
**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in W/SW TX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

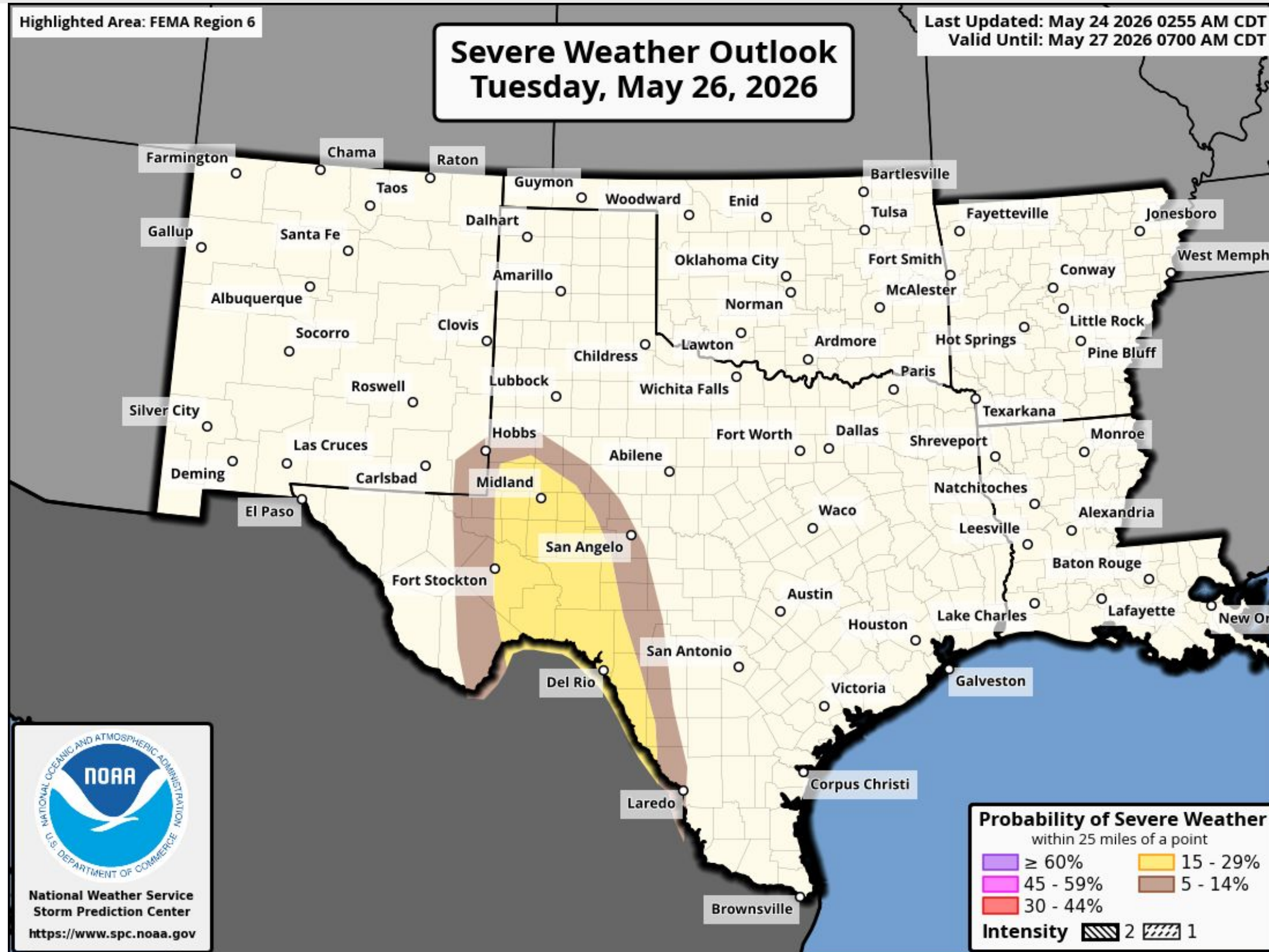


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





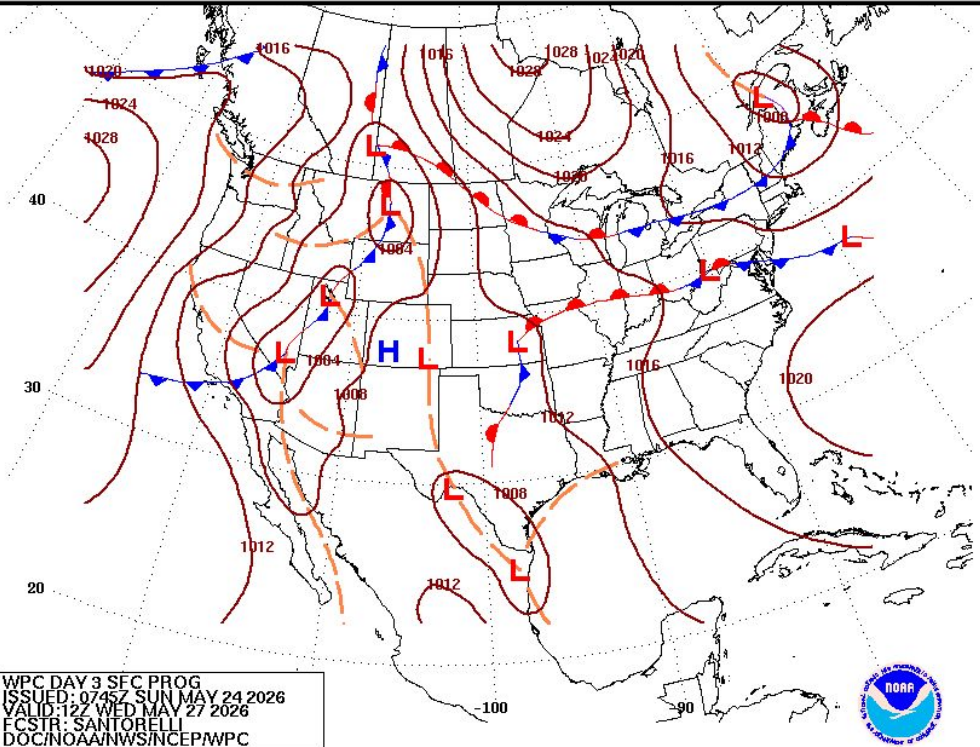
# Tuesday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level





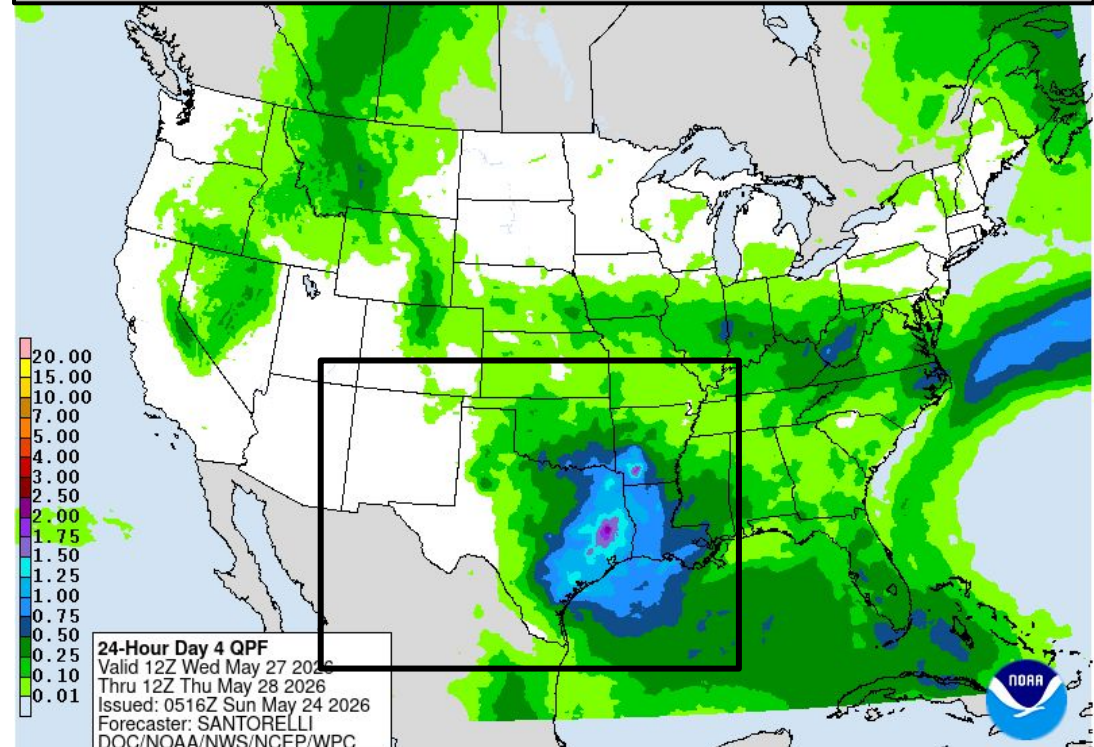
# Wednesday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z WED MAY 27 2026  
FCSTR: SANTORELLI  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

### Forecast Rainfall

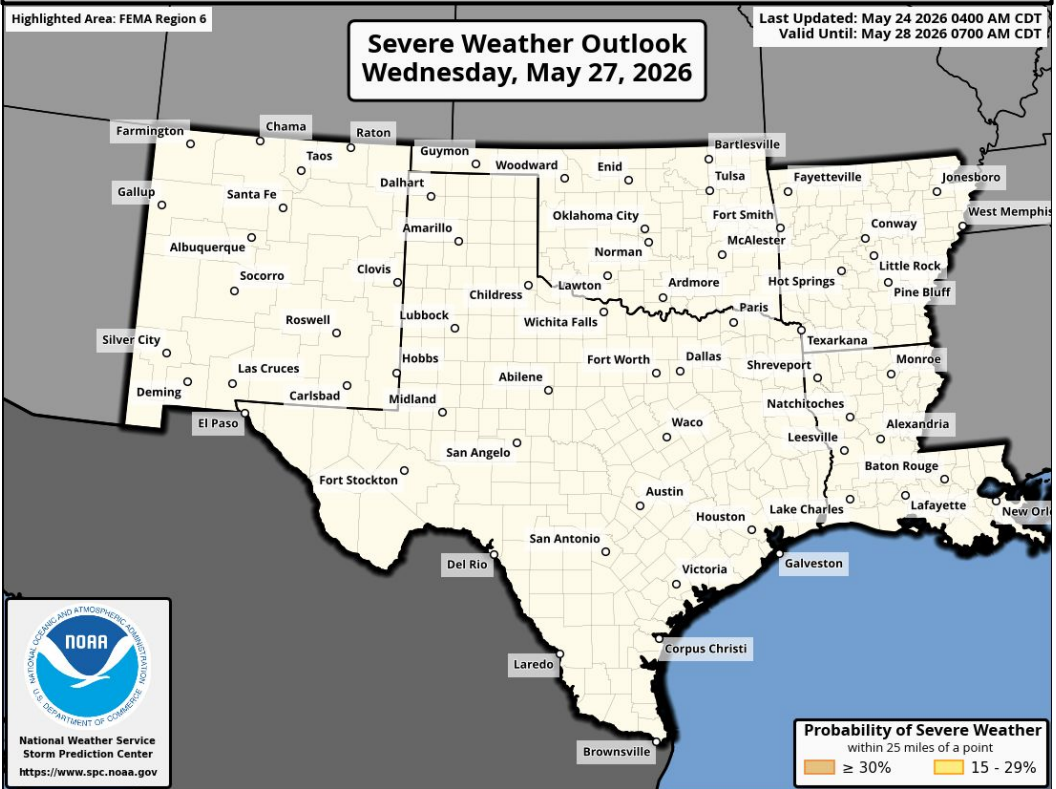


24-Hour Day 4 QPF  
Valid 12Z Wed May 27 2026  
Thru 12Z Thu May 28 2026  
Issued: 0516Z Sun May 24 2026  
Forecaster: SANTORELLI  
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**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in SE/E TX, W LA.**

**Elevated fire weather concerns in W NM.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

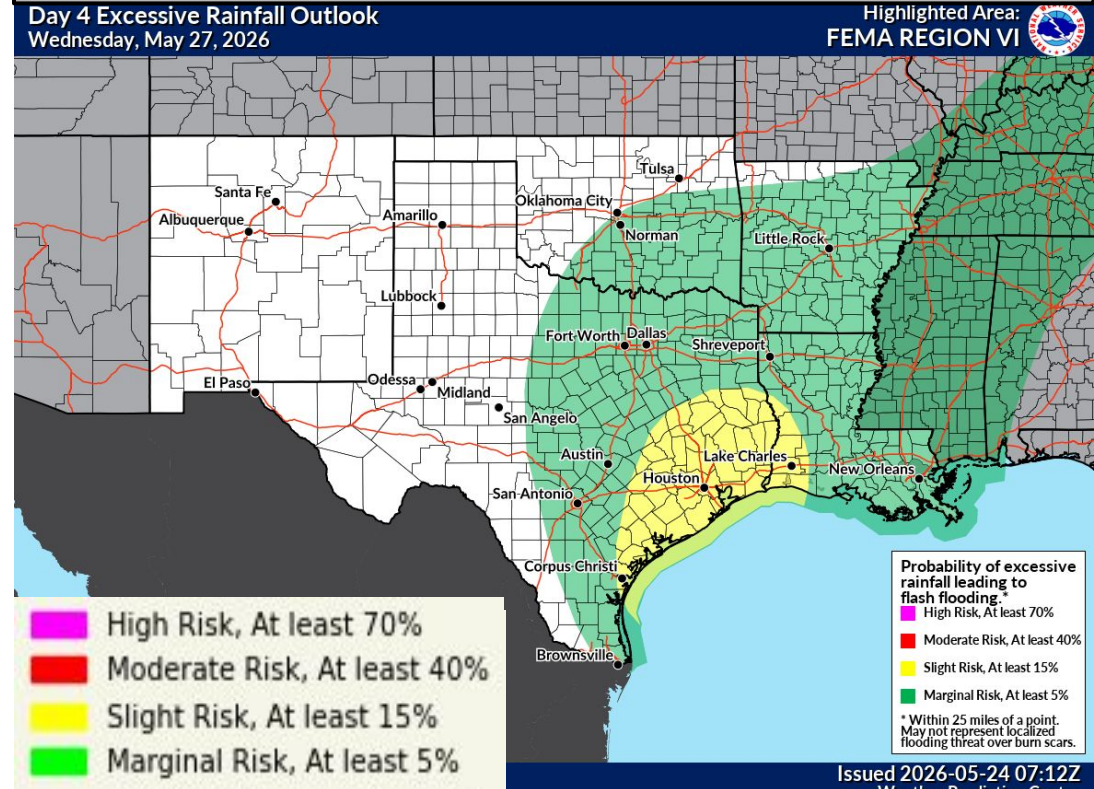


**Severe Weather Outlook  
Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

Last Updated: May 24 2026 0400 AM CDT  
Valid Until: May 28 2026 0700 AM CDT

Probability of Severe Weather  
within 25 miles of a point  
≥ 30%    15 - 29%

### Excessive Rainfall Outlook



**Day 4 Excessive Rainfall Outlook  
Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

Highlighted Area:  
FEMA REGION VI

High Risk, At least 70%  
Moderate Risk, At least 40%  
Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

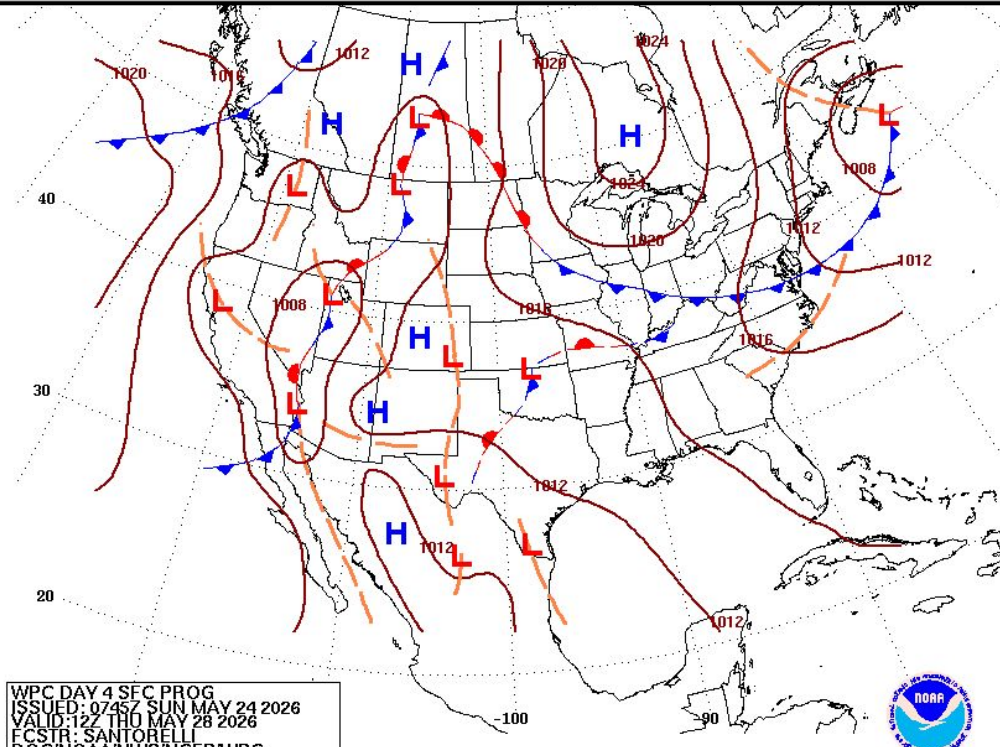
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:  
High Risk, At least 70%  
Moderate Risk, At least 40%  
Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%  
\* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.

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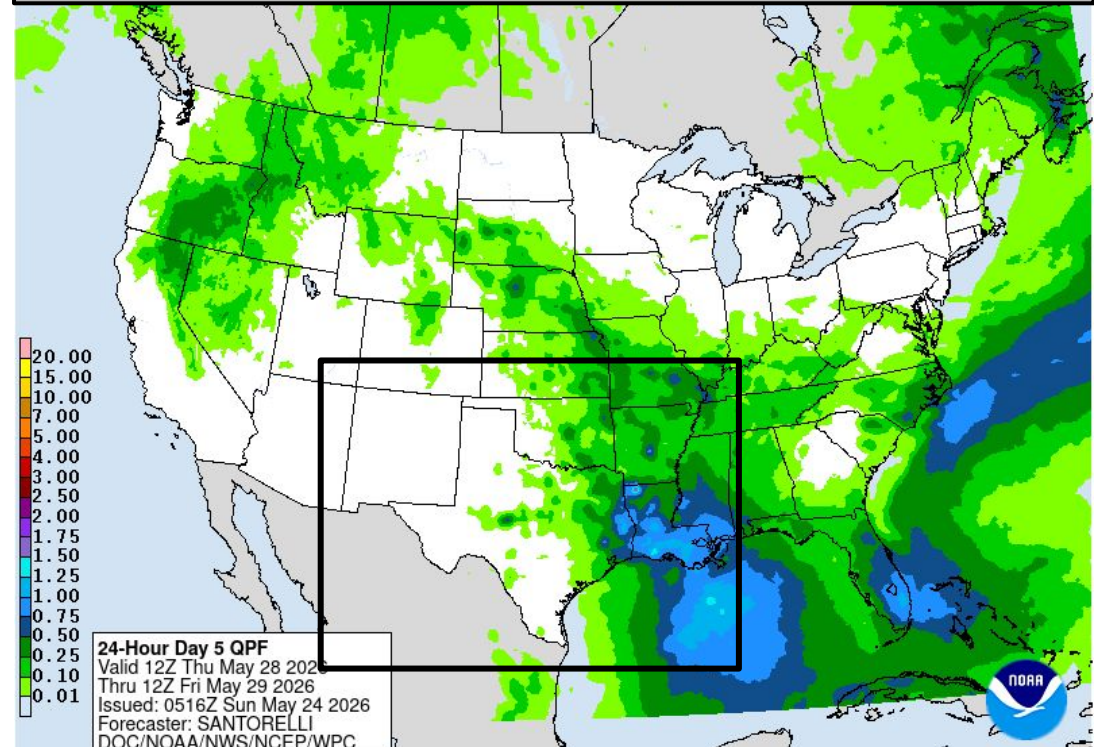
# Thursday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



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## Forecast Rainfall

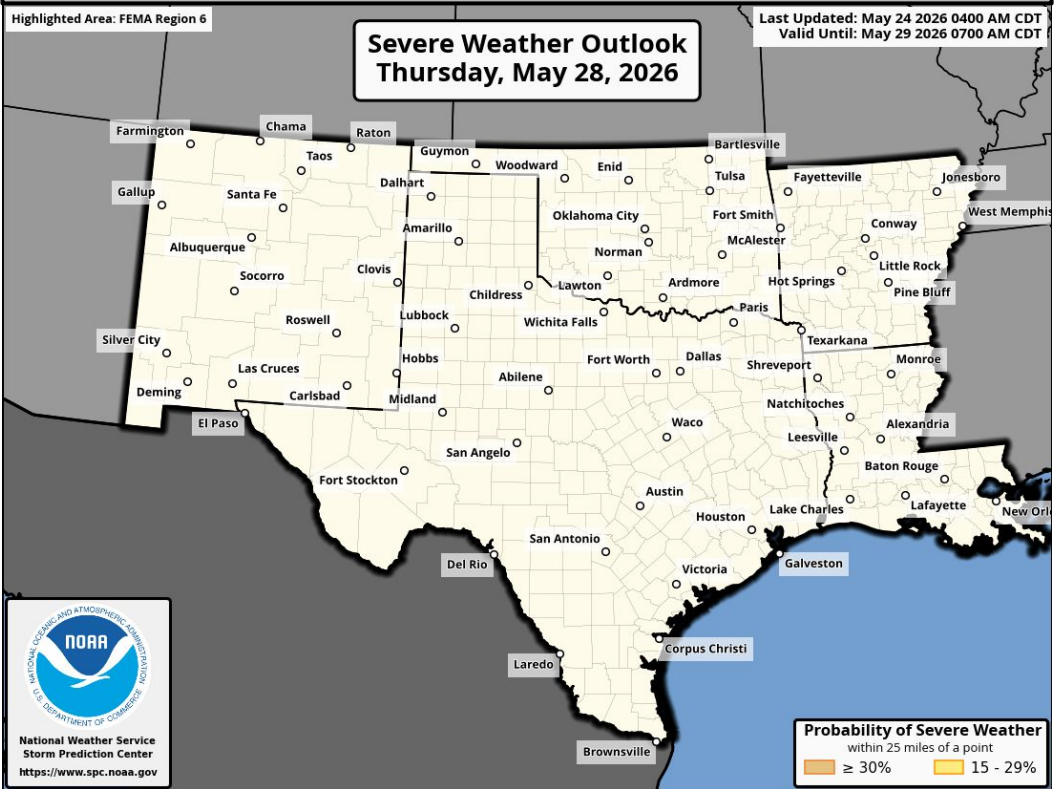


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Thru 12Z Fri May 29 2026  
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Forecaster: SANTORELLI  
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**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) in E OK, AR E TX, LA for flash flooding.**

**Elevated fire weather concerns in W NM.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

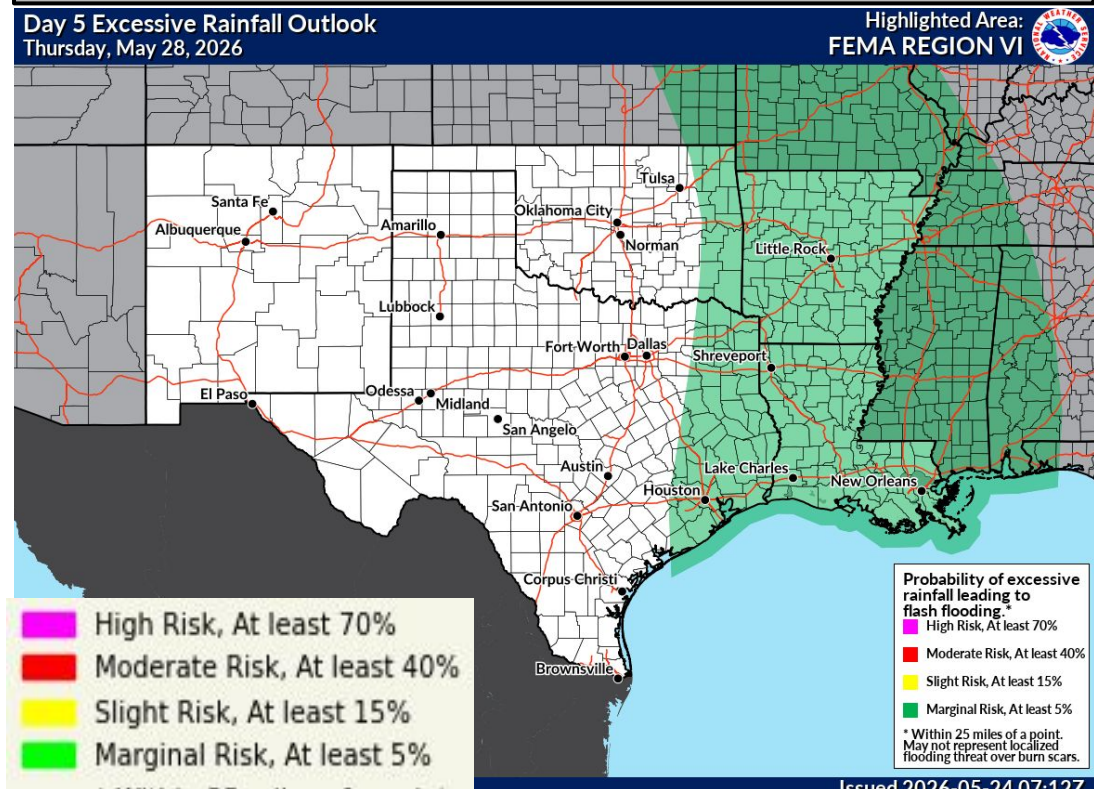


**Severe Weather Outlook**  
Thursday, May 28, 2026

Last Updated: May 24 2026 0400 AM CDT  
Valid Until: May 29 2026 0700 AM CDT

Probability of Severe Weather  
within 25 miles of a point  
≥ 30%    15 - 29%

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



**Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook**  
Thursday, May 28, 2026

Highlighted Area:  
FEMA REGION VI

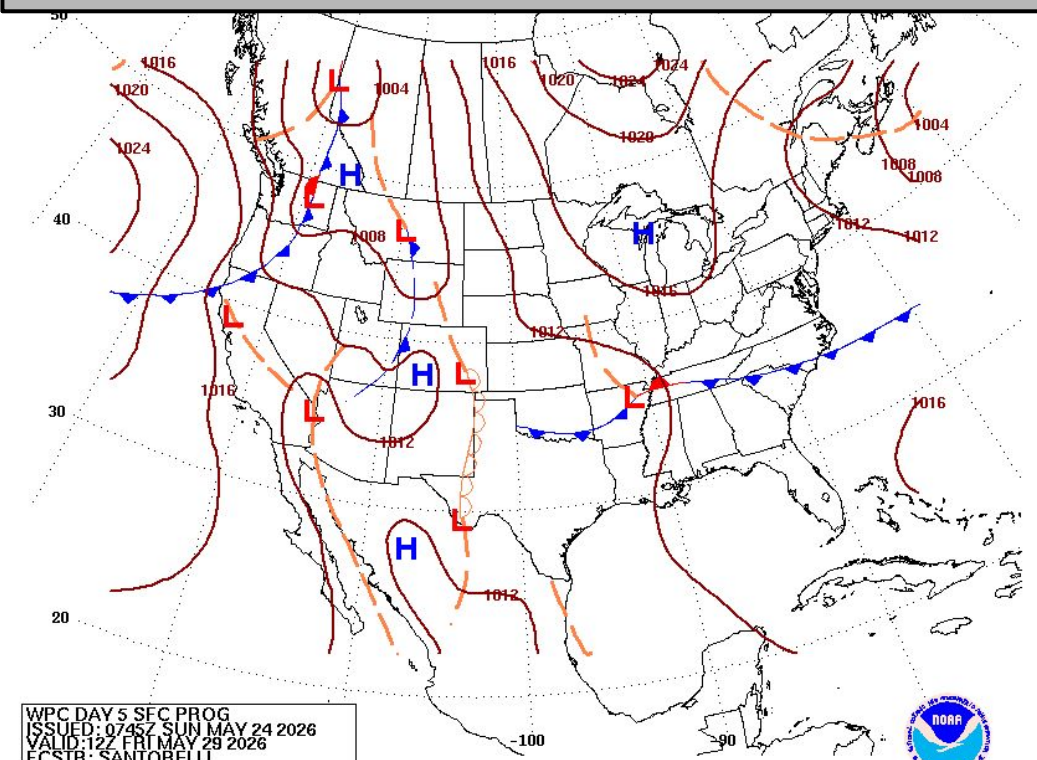
High Risk, At least 70%  
Moderate Risk, At least 40%  
Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:  
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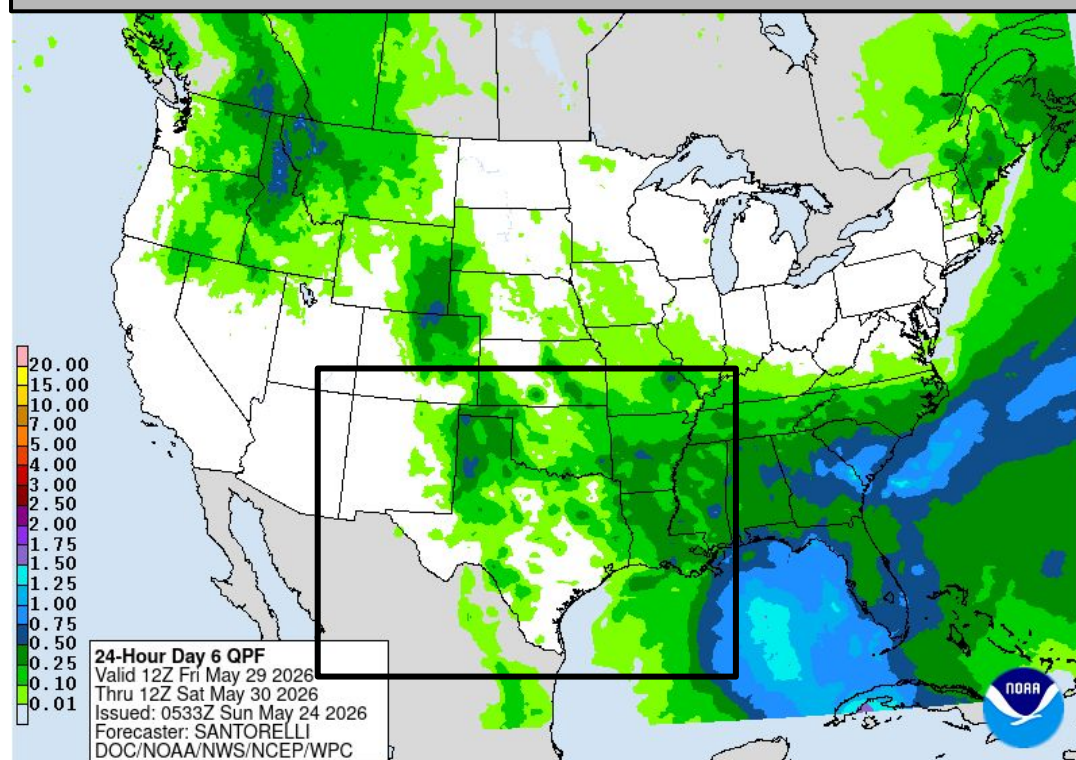


# Friday's Weather

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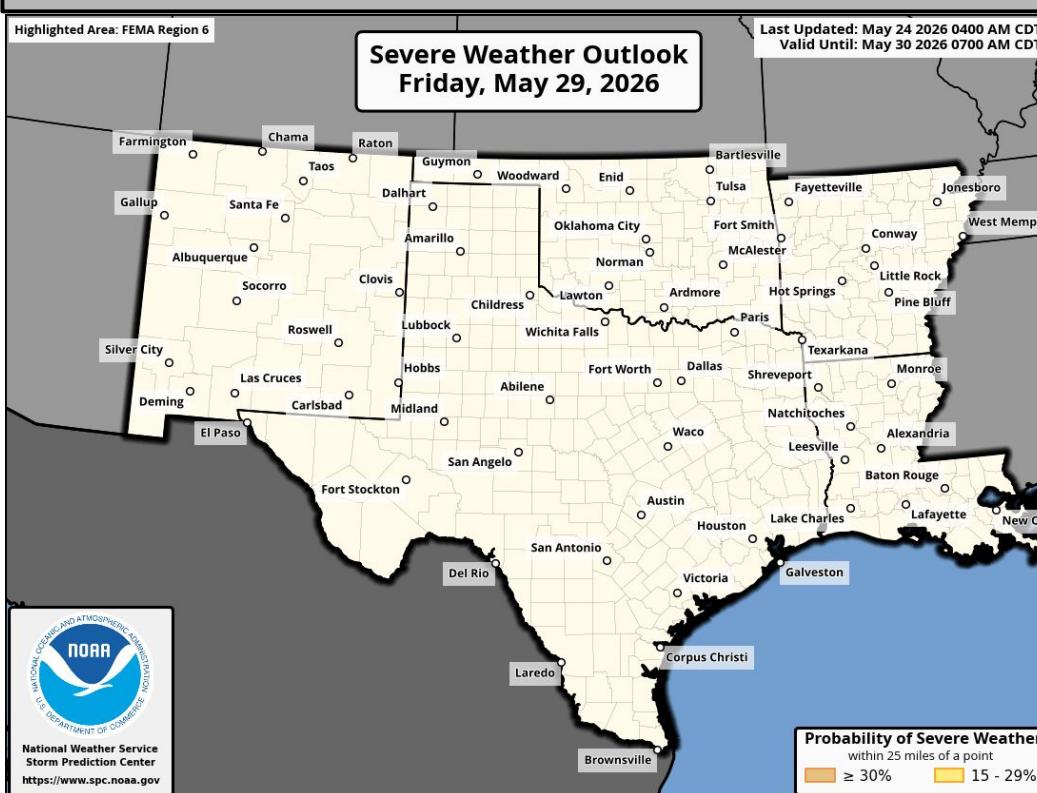


## Forecast Rainfall



**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

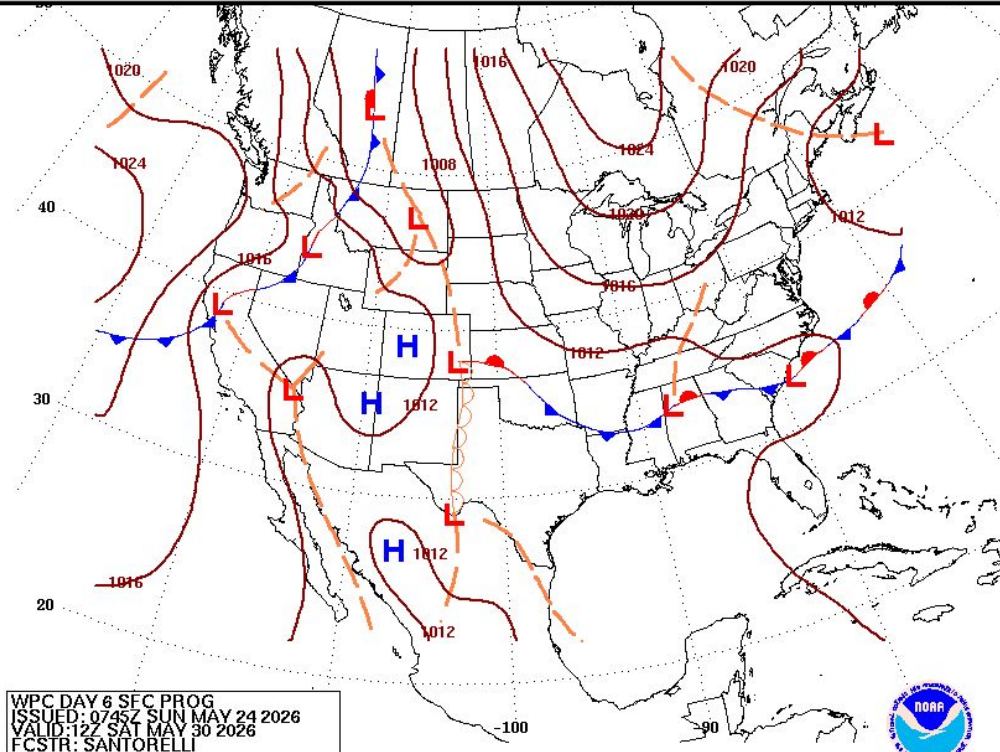


**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5**



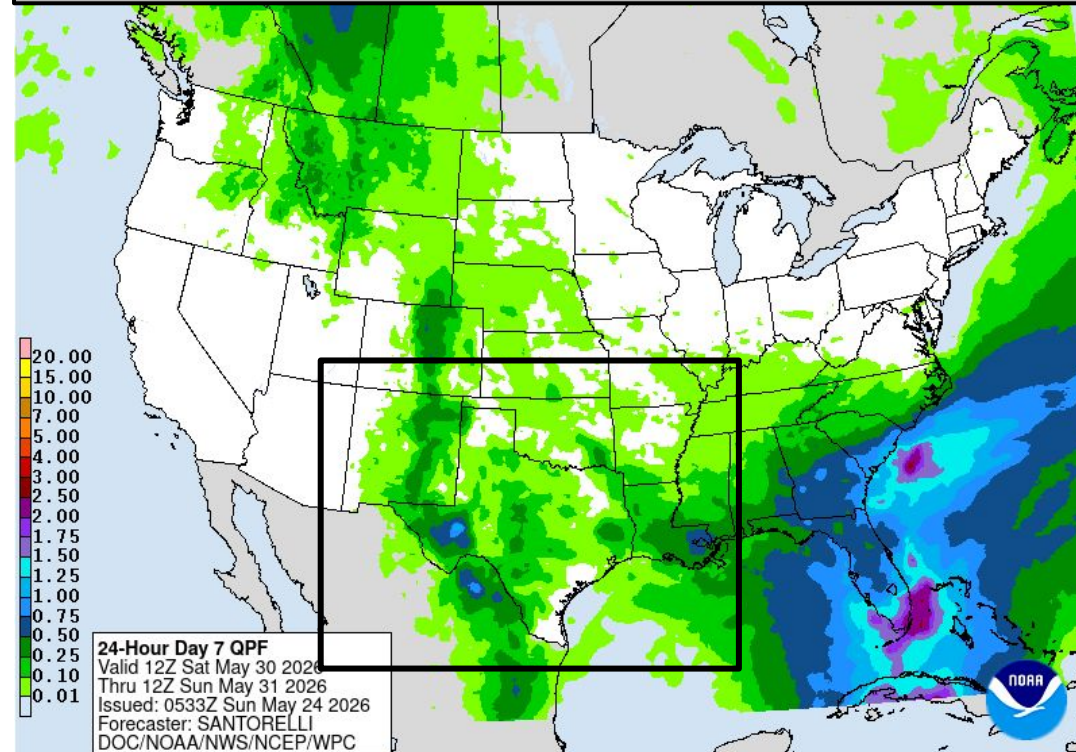
# Saturday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



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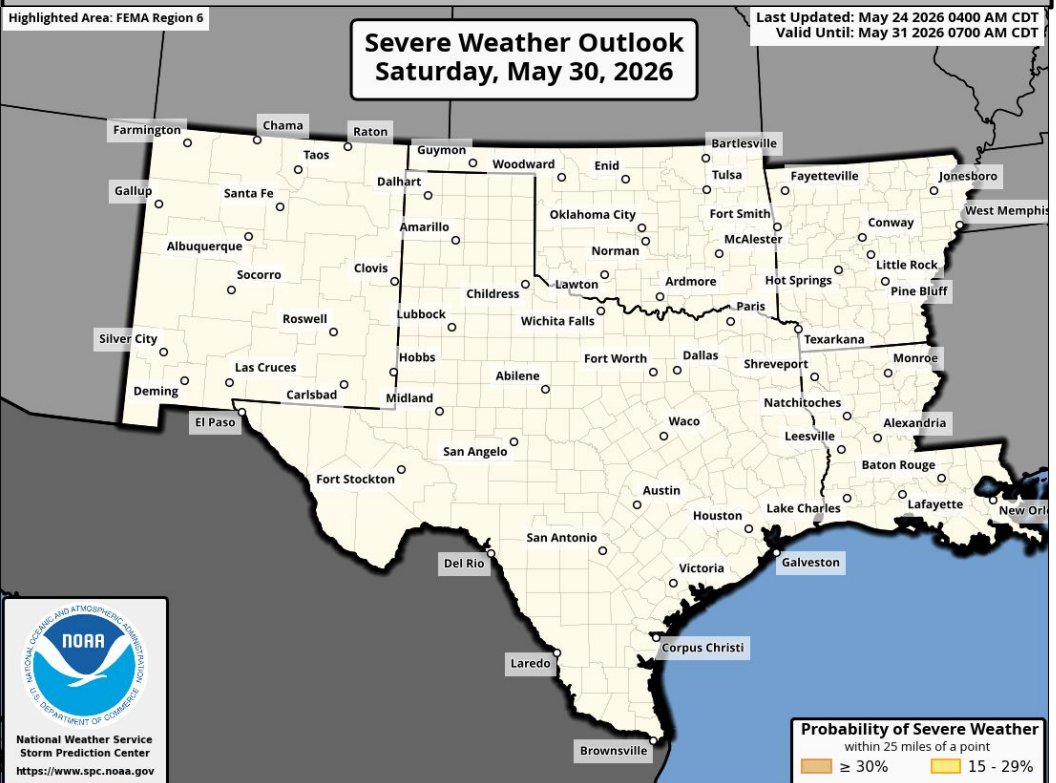
### Forecast Rainfall



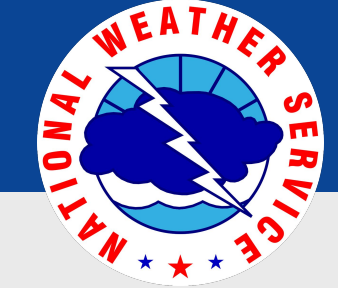
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**No significant weather expected.**

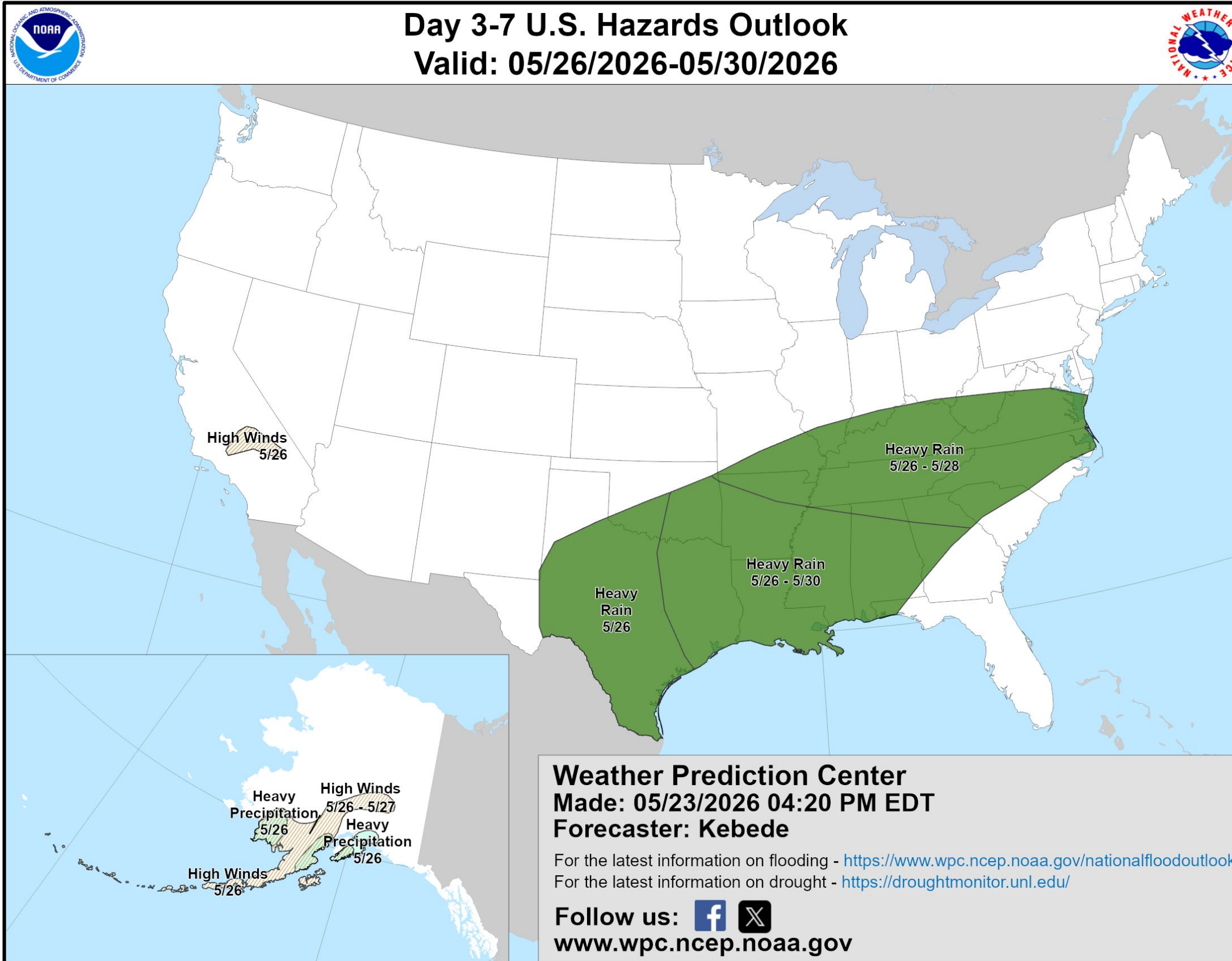
### Severe Weather Outlook



**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks  
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# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook

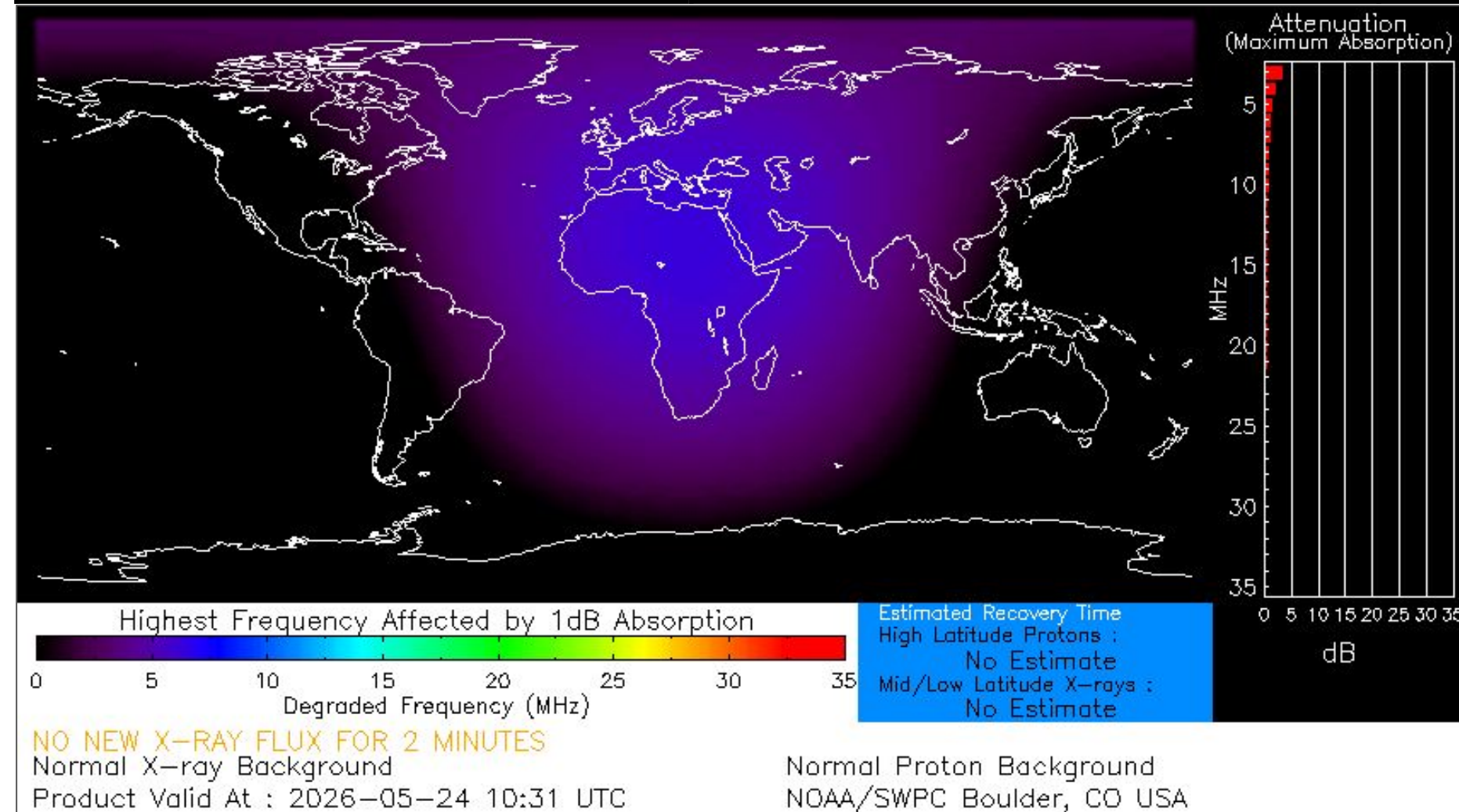






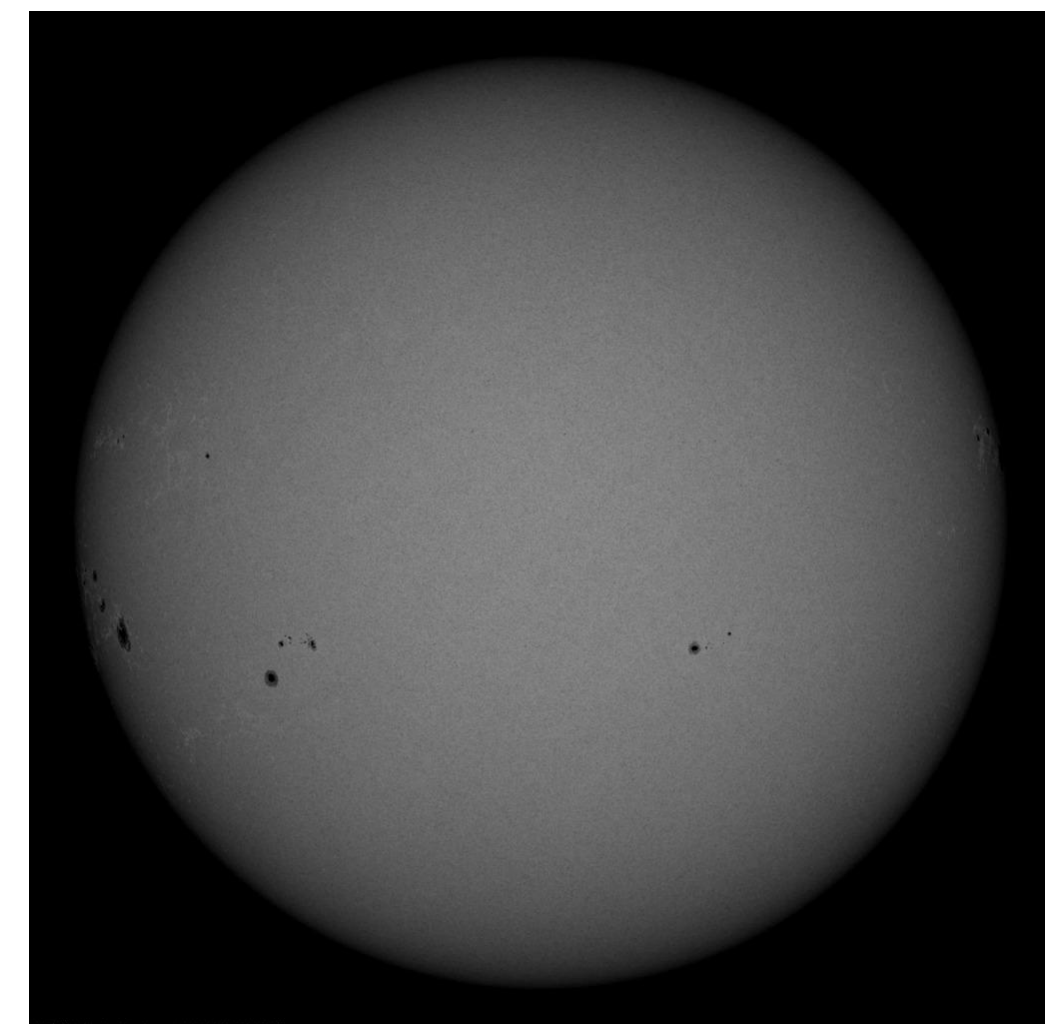
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday, May 24	Monday, May 25	Tuesday, May 26
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>



[Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast](#)



## Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Little to None</b></p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>	<p>Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None 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 seabreeze storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minor</b></p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderate</b></p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Major</b></p> <p>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Extreme</b></p> <p>Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline 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>

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov)**



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