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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

May 2, 2023

Severe Weather & Tornado Activity

- A pair of weekend tornadoes struck along the coastal Atlantic touching down on Virginia and Florida as powerful winds and heavy rains hit parts of the South.

Virginia

- The City of Virginia Beach declared a state of emergency after an EF-3 tornado moved through the area Sunday and damaged dozens of homes, downed trees and caused gas leaks.
- The weather service said the tornado was 400 yards wide, with a 4.5-mile path from the eastern Branch of the Lynnhaven River through Joint Expeditionary Base Fort Story. The cyclone began and ended as an EF-1 and peaked as an EF-3 with 145 mph wind.
- There were no immediate reports of injuries and authorities said Monday that they did not need to extricate anyone from beneath the rubble of collapsed structures. However, they noted that rescue attempts were made amid the severe weather.
- The city said the number of homes damaged was estimated to be between 50 and 100, with nine homes destroyed and 36 rendered uninhabitable. Initial estimates include more than \$15 million in residential damage and \$731,000 to public properties.
- Damage assessment teams continued to survey the area on Monday as officials worked to come up with a more concrete evaluation.
- The EF-3 tornado is the first of that magnitude on record in Virginia Beach, according National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration meteorologist Eric Seymour. Two EF-2 cyclones have been observed, Seymour said, with the last in 2017.



Florida

- The South Florida community of Palm Beach Gardens is also recovering from a weekend tornado, rated an EF2, with estimated peak winds of 130 mph, by the weather service.
- Vehicles were tossed and debris strewn along roads after the tornado touched down at 5:10 p.m. Saturday. It was on the ground for about 11 minutes and carved a path of 2.61 miles, a preliminary report from the weather service said.
- No injuries were reported, but cars were flipped in a parking lot and tree limbs snapped, video from CNN affiliate WPBF showed. And there was damage along a highway in the area while roads were blocked, the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department tweeted.
- The storm left "large trees completely uprooted" and stripped of bark, along with "collapsed roofs, broken windows, and removed roofing material," the weather service.

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Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
AL	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds & Tornadoes	4/25/2023	Pending	5 Counties

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4671 PR	Hurricane Fiona	78 Municipalities	221	11/21/2022
4673 FL	Hurricane Ian	26 Counties	212	1/12/2023
4697 MS	Severe Storms & Tornadoes	6 Counties	32	5/25/2023
4701 TN	Severe Storms & Tornadoes	10 Counties	23	6/6/2023

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