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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

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Severe Weather

- Intense storms delivered a destructive and record-setting spate of winds Wednesday from the Rockies to the Great Lakes, tearing off roofs, overturning trucks, shutting down a stretch of an interstate highway and even forcing evacuation of some air traffic controllers.
- More than 425 reports of severe weather were tallied up Wednesday, mostly in parts of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, northern Missouri, southern Minnesota and western Wisconsin.
- Nearly 20 tornado reports were documented Wednesday across Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. A tornado in southeastern Minnesota was the first ever reported in the state in the month of December, according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration data.
- More than 530,000 power outages were reported as of 8 a.m. ET Thursday in the areas affected, according to PowerOutage.us. Wisconsin and Michigan are reporting the highest number of outages.



Iowa

- A wild night of weather is responsible for at least one death, thousands of power outages and widespread damage as severe storms and tornadoes swept across Iowa Wednesday.
- Video of a tornado was captured near Lawton.
- There is damage in Guthrie and Greene Counties, where the Greene County Sheriff told KCCI a tornado moved through Wednesday night, but that has not been confirmed by the National Weather Service.
- Greene County Sheriff Jack Williams said it started in the southwest corner of the county and moved through to the northeast. He said multiple buildings had been flattened including these homes in Bayard.
- The National Weather Service will have crews on the ground Thursday to survey the damage and confirm how many tornadoes touched down in Iowa.



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Minnesota

- The National Weather Service is sending teams to assess storm damage from Wednesday night's severe weather, after scattered reports of tornadoes and hurricane-force straight-line winds.
- "A historic, record-breaking system, for sure," said Mike Kurz, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- Weather officials said they will be heading to Faribault and to Freeborn County to look at possible tornado damage in the small town of Hartland.
- Freeborn County emergency manager Rich Hall confirmed the damage, saying a number of other businesses in the downtown Hartland area were also damaged, as well as "minor damage to several homes in that area. Various outbuildings in the remainder of the county."
- As of 7 a.m. Thursday, People's Energy Cooperative reported nearly 3,800 homes and businesses without power in its southeast Minnesota service area — with the largest outage in the Stewartville area south of Rochester.



Kansas

- It was a wild one on Wednesday, Dec. 15, as Dodge City and southwest Kansas was overcome with high winds that reached gusts of 84 miles per hour at 1:11 p.m., according to the National Weather Service in Dodge City.
- The storm led to multiple power outages throughout the area and multiple amounts of damage to roofs, power lines, traffic lights and trees, causing many roads and businesses to shut down.
- As for the damage, throughout the day citizens, the Dodge City Police Department, Ford County Emergency Management, City of Dodge City and many others reported damages that occurred to roofs such as at the Lotus Garden restaurant building.
- As of 8:15 p.m., according to Ford County administrator J.D. Gilbert, the county is not sure yet if an emergency declaration will be made.
- "It's too early to tell," Gilbert said. "Victory (Electric) might need a declaration to open of funding but I don't know yet. It's most trees and roofs at this point and not a lot of infrastructure."



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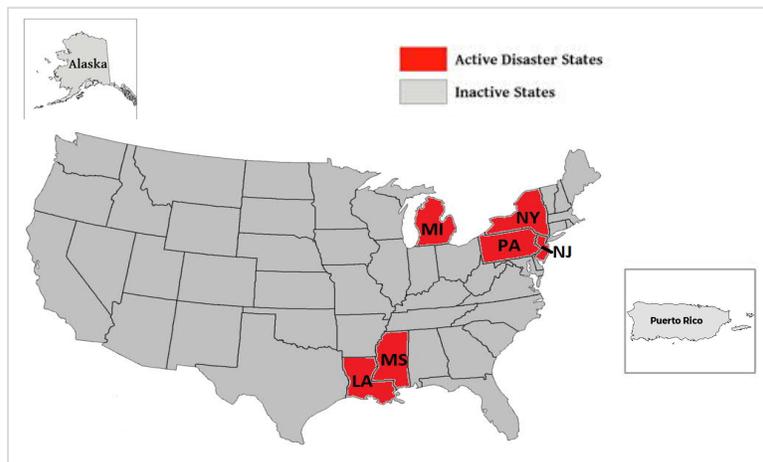
Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
WA	Flooding Nov 2-19	3	0	12/1-TBD
AR	Severe Storms & Tornadoes Dec 10	5	1	12/15-TBD

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4607 MI	Severe Storms & Flooding	4 Counties	149	11/12/2021
4611 LA	Hurricane	25 Parishes	107	11/29/2021
4614 NJ	Hurricane	12 Counties	100	1/05/2022
4615 NY	Hurricane	10 Counties	100	1/04/2022
4618 PA	Hurricane	8 Counties	95	12/10/2021
4626 MS	Hurricane	8 Counties	51	12/22/2021

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