

# DAILY DART

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

August 11, 2023

## Disaster Activity

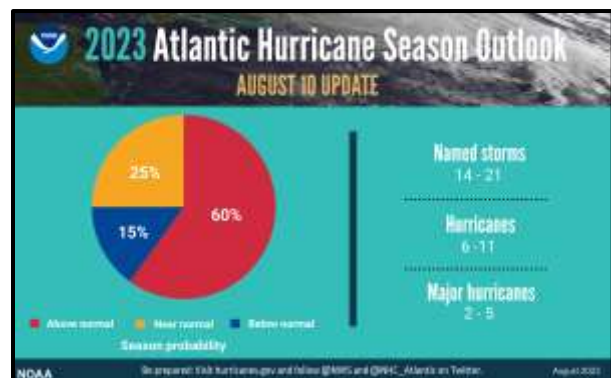
### DR-4724 Hawaii Wildfires

- On Thursday, August 10, 2023, President Joe Biden declared Maui County as a major to include Individual Assistance aid.
- Biden pledged that the federal response will ensure that “anyone who’s lost a loved one, or whose home has been damaged or destroyed, is going to get help immediately.” Biden promised to streamline requests for assistance and said the Federal Emergency Management Agency was “surging emergency personnel” on the island.
- Hawaii Gov. Josh Green said Thursday that 55 people were killed in the devastating Maui wildfires, and the death toll will likely continue to rise.
- Search and rescue operations were continuing, Green said, and officials expect it will become the state’s deadliest natural disaster since a 1961 tsunami killed 61 people on the Big Island.
- Green went on to call the wildfires “catastrophic” and said the state is seeking 2,000 hotel rooms to help the displaced people of Maui.
- An estimated 11,000 people have fled the island of Maui in the wake of the wildfires, Hawaii Department of Transport director Ed Sniffen told NBC News. Another 2,000 people are expected to leave by August 11th.
- More than 2,100 people were in four emergency shelters in Maui on Tuesday night, the mayor’s office said.



## 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook

- Scientists at NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center — a division of the National Weather Service — have increased their prediction for the ongoing 2023 Atlantic hurricane season from a near-normal level of activity to an above-normal level of activity.
- Forecasters believe that current ocean and atmospheric conditions, such as record-warm Atlantic sea surface temperatures, are likely to counterbalance the usually limiting atmospheric conditions associated with the ongoing El Niño event.
- NOAA forecasters have increased the likelihood of an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season to 60% (increased from the outlook issued in May, which predicted a 30% chance).



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- NOAA's update to the 2023 outlook — which covers the entire six-month hurricane season that ends on Nov. 30 — calls for 14-21 named storms (winds of 39 mph or greater), of which 6-11 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or greater). Of those, 2-5 could become major hurricanes (winds of 111 mph or greater). NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence. These updated ranges include storms that have already formed this season.

## Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
PA	Flash Flooding July 15-16, 2023	2	0	8/2-TBD

## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
OH	Train Derailment Feb 3-8, 2023	7/3/2023	Pending	1 County
TN	Severe Storms & Straight-line winds June 25-26	7/20/2023	Pending	1 County
MS*	Severe Storms, Straight-line winds & Tornadoes June 14-19, 2023	7/24/2023	Pending	2 Counties
AK	Flooding May 10-June 3, 2023	8/1/2023	Pending	5 REAAs
PA*	Severe Storm, Straight-Line Winds & Flooding July 9, 2023	7/31/2023	Pending	1 County
IL*	Severe Storms & Flooding June 29 - July 2, 2023	8/7/2023	Pending	1 County
WY	Flooding June 15, 2023	8/1/2023	Pending	1 County
HI	Wildfires (Expedited)	8/10/2023	Approved	1 County

\*Award of task order to contractor pending

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## WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4709 FL	Flood	1 County	98	6/27/2023

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

