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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

August 31, 2021

Tropical Activity

Atlantic – Tropical Depression Ida

- Ida, which weakened to a tropical depression, was over northern Mississippi early Tuesday.
- More than 71 million people are under flash flood watches from the Gulf Coast to the Northeast.

Louisiana

- Exactly 16 years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the city, Hurricane Ida cut the city off, leaving it largely without power and reliable cellphone service.
- More than one million customers in Louisiana lacked electricity, as utilities said they were still assessing the damage. Service outages at 911 centers persisted.
- Officials are warning the 400,000 residents of Jefferson Parish, which encompasses the suburbs west and south of New Orleans, that it could be 21 days before power is restored. They also say it could be five days until the water and sewer system is up and running again.
- The storm put about 28% of cellular-phone transmitters in the storm's path out of service, with no connections available in Assumption and Terrebonne parishes near the southern coast, the Federal Communications Commission said Monday. More than half of the cellular sites in Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes were offline.
- Regions with no working towers could still connect in areas where wireless carriers had set up emergency cell sites, however. Backup batteries and generators could keep service online for a day or more until authorities restore power to the electrical grid, but the damage to the infrastructure linking those towers could take longer to fix.
- Rescuers were still trying to reach people trapped in their homes in some areas, and residents are being told not to return to New Orleans and other areas across southeast Louisiana until further notice.
- Almost 800 people were rescued from flooded homes or moved to safer ground in St. John the Baptist Parish where LaPlace, a community of around 29,000, is located, parish officials said.
- Airlines have canceled all incoming and outgoing flights for Tuesday at the New Orleans airport, the airport announced on Twitter. Nearly 200 flights have been canceled for Wednesday.
- At least two people have died.
- Gov. John Bel Edwards said he expects the number of dead to rise as damage assessments are made and searches are conducted. He said the recovery would take months.

Mississippi

- Mississippians on the Gulf Coast and other Southwestern areas of the state are beginning to assess damages to their property following Hurricane Ida. But while the tropical depression has nearly left the state, there remains a risk that tornados could spin up and cause additional damage in the Northeast.



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- Governor Tate Reeves said by 5:00 p.m. yesterday, eight counties had begun to submit damage reports.
- Reeves says “So far, damage estimates are relatively light considering the magnitude of the storm particularly when it hit landfall. And at this time, I just want to be clear, based upon what we’ve heard from the counties, there are no unmet needs at this time.”
- At least 20 rescues had been performed in Mississippi by yesterday morning.
- Two people were killed and at least 10 others were injured Monday night after seven vehicles fell until a deep hole where a Mississippi highway collapsed.
- Heavy rainfall from Hurricane Ida may have been the cause of the collapse, according to Mississippi Highway Patrol Cp. Cal Robertson.

Atlantic – Tropical Storm Kate

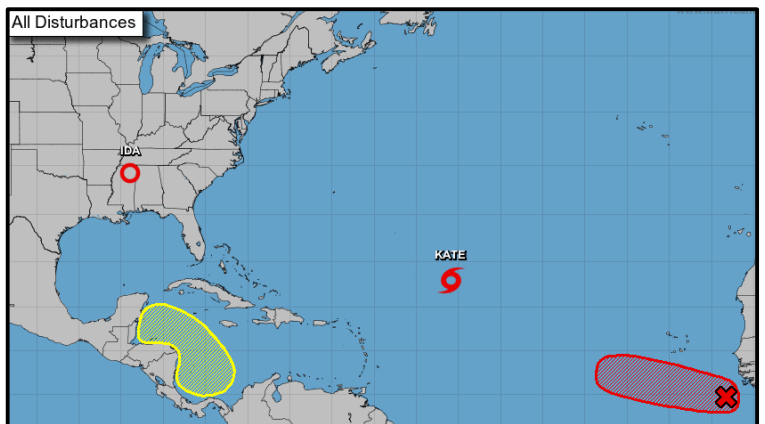
- 815 miles ENE of Leeward Islands moving N at 7 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 40 mph
- Tropical storm force winds extend 45 miles

Atlantic – Disturbance 1

- A couple of hundred miles WSW of coast of Guinea
- Tropical depression likely to form during next day or so
- Formation chance 48 hours: High (90%)
- Formation chance 5 days: High (90%)

Atlantic –Disturbance 2

- Forecast to develop over southwestern Caribbean Sea next couple of days
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (near 0%)
- Formation chance 5 days: Low (20%)



Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
NC	Tropical Storm Fred August 16-18, 2021	8/27/2021	Pending	3 Counties

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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
UT	Flooding July 15-Aug 19	7	0	8/24-9/7
NC	Severe Weather August 16	3	0	8/25-TBD

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4586 TX	Severe Ice Storm	129 Counties	190	5/20/2021
4607 MI	Severe Storms & Flooding	2 Counties	42	9/13/2021
4610 CA	Wildfires	4 Counties	2	10/25/2021
4611 LA	Hurricane Ida	25 Parishes	1	10/28/2021

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