

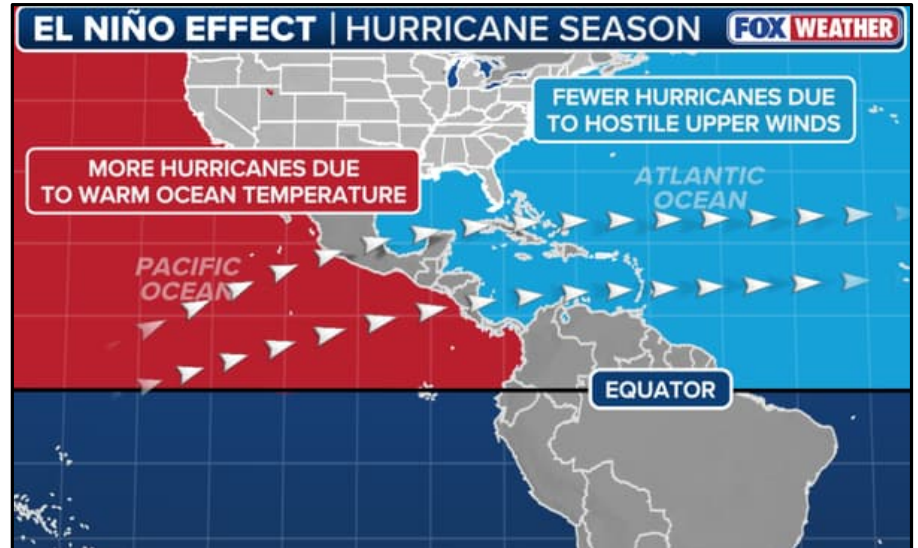
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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

May 5, 2026

## 2026 Hurricane Season El Nino Effect

- The countdown is on as coastal communities from the Gulf across the entire Eastern Seaboard are making final preparations for the start of Atlantic hurricane season which is now just one month away.
- A developing El Niño is expected to fully take hold this summer and dominate both the Atlantic and the Pacific basins.
- Suppressing potential tropical development in the Atlantic, while supercharging storms in the Eastern Pacific, which begins its hurricane season on May 15.
- El Niño is one of three phases of a climate cycle called the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO). It describes natural temperature changes in the central Pacific Ocean that alter atmospheric circulation and can greatly influence global weather.
- El Niño describes warmer than average water across the equatorial Pacific, while La Niña describes colder than average water conditions.
- During El Niño, above-average water temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean produce strong winds that hinder tropical development in the Atlantic.
- "The warmer waters and enhanced rising air across the Pacific create "hostile" upper-level winds that blow across the Caribbean and the Main Development Region (MDR)," the FOX Forecast Center said.
- Those upper-level winds generally rip apart developing tropical systems, preventing them from organizing into powerful hurricanes.
- Experts believe this El Niño could be much stronger than the average event, with computer forecast models from both NOAA and Columbia's International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI) suggesting that a "Super El Niño" could form this summer, which would only act to further strengthen those hostile winds.
- The Atlantic basin averages 14 named storms and 7 hurricanes. During El Niño years, those averages typically drop to roughly 10 storms and five hurricanes.
- Exactly when El Niño develops will play a key role in how much protection the Atlantic sees this season.
- If El Niño does not emerge until late August or beyond, there will be a window of greater opportunity for hurricanes to form in the Gulf.



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## Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
GA	Highway 82 Fire Apr 22-TBD	1	0	TBD
WI	Severe Storms / Tornadoes / Flooding Apr 13-23	22	0	4/30 - TBD
MI	Severe Storms / Tornadoes / Flooding Apr 10	44	0	5/11 - TBD

## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Requests

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
MI	Severe Storm & Tornadoes March 6, 2026	4/1/2026	Pending	3 Counties

\*Award of task order to contractor pending

## WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4899 - MS	Severe Winter Storm	36 Counties	17	6/10/2026
4909 - HI	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides/Mud-slides	3 Counties	13	6/14/2026

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## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

