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May 16, 2019

Severe Weather Outlook

(Updated)

- "Tornado Alley is certainly about to wake up!" AccuWeather Extreme Meteorologist Reed Timmer said, describing the severe weather outlook as the worst setup he's seen in years.
- Ahead of the main outbreak of severe weather, a narrow band of thunderstorms is forecast to slice southeastward from southern South Dakota and Nebraska to Michigan, Indiana and Ohio into Thursday night.
- A few communities can be hit with severe weather and flash flooding.
- Many more states will be at risk by Friday and into this weekend.



Severe Storm Updates

Oklahoma (April 30th)

- Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt's request for federal assistance from the Small Business Administration for Pittsburg and Bryan counties in the wake of the April 30 tornadoes was granted Wednesday — but the News-Capital confirmed the Federal Emergency Management Agency will not offer individual assistance.
- Under SBA rules, the contiguous counties of Atoka, Choctaw, Coal, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Latimer, Marshall, McIntosh, and Pushmataha are also eligible for assistance.
- The state requested the SBA declaration on May 13 after damage assessments found at least 193 homes and businesses were impacted by the storms in Bryan and Pittsburg counties, including 76 that sustained major damage or were destroyed.
- However, the Oklahoma Office of Emergency Management is declining to file for individual assistance for storm victims through FEMA.
- "Based on what we've seen in past individual assistance requests, this particular event for Pittsburg and Bryan counties has seen 'major damages or destroyed,' but it does not meet the threshold of what we've typically seen approved in past requests for individual assistance, says Pittsburg County Oklahoma Office of Emergency Management Public Information Officer Keli Cain."

Texas (May 7th)

- While affected residents, primarily in the Kingwood area, are still dragging damaged drywall, furniture and family mementos out to the curb, more than a dozen pleaded with Harris County commissioners this week for help through state and federal disaster relief programs.

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- Beginning May 7 and in the days that followed, short duration, high-intensity rainfall events produced as much as three inches of rain in 30 minutes, four inches of rain in an hour and almost eight inches of rain in six hours in the Kingwood area, according to Russ Poppe, executive director of the Harris County Flood Control Department.
- The resulting high water areas around the Greater Houston area, specifically in Kingwood, forced school and business closures, flooded homes and collapsed streets.
- Damage assessments as of May 13 indicated that about 150 homes—mostly in the Kingwood area—flooded, according to County Judge Lina Hidalgo.
- County officials said initial damage assessments did not bode well for securing aid for the Kingwood community.
- The average number of homes that must sustain heavy damage or be destroyed to reach that threshold is more than 800, Hidalgo said in a statement May 13.
- Hidalgo stated that while many residents have requested the court to look into Small Business Administration Disaster Loans to aid with the rebuilding process, initial assessments indicate the county does not qualify for that assistance either.

Disaster Update

4420 Nebraska

- All State of Nebraska and FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) will close Friday, May 17.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
	N/A			

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request 5/16/2019

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
MO	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds & Flooding March 11, 2019 - April 16, 2019	4/24/2019	Pending	5 Counties

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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
4420 NE	Flood	27 & 1 Tribe	53	5/20/2019

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