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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday May 22, 2020

Disclaimer: The purpose of this briefing is to provide a **Regional** weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview. County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information. To find your local NWS forecast office, go to www.weather.gov/srh.



- **Enhanced risk of severe storms today across N TX, S & E OK. Threats include damaging winds, large to very large hail (2+ inches), and a few tornadoes.**
- **Threat of heavy rainfall and flash flooding today across N TX, SE OK, and W AR.**
- **Unsettled weather pattern continues this weekend into early next week with the potential for heavy rainfall and flash flooding primarily across TX/OK. Isolated strong to severe storms may occur as well.**
- **Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across western portions of FEMA 6 today through Sunday.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

May 22, 2020 - May 26, 2020



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DAY / THREAT	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Severe Storms	NTX/S & E OK	TX/W OK	TX/OK	TX/OK	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NTX/SE OK/W AR	Central and STX	Central and STX	TX/OK	TX
Fire Weather	NM	NM/W TX TX/OK Panhandles	NM		
Tropical Weather					
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	MS River, TX, AR, LA	MS River, AR, LA	MS River, AR, LA	MS River, AR, LA	MS River, AR, LA

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
-	-	-

Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
-	-

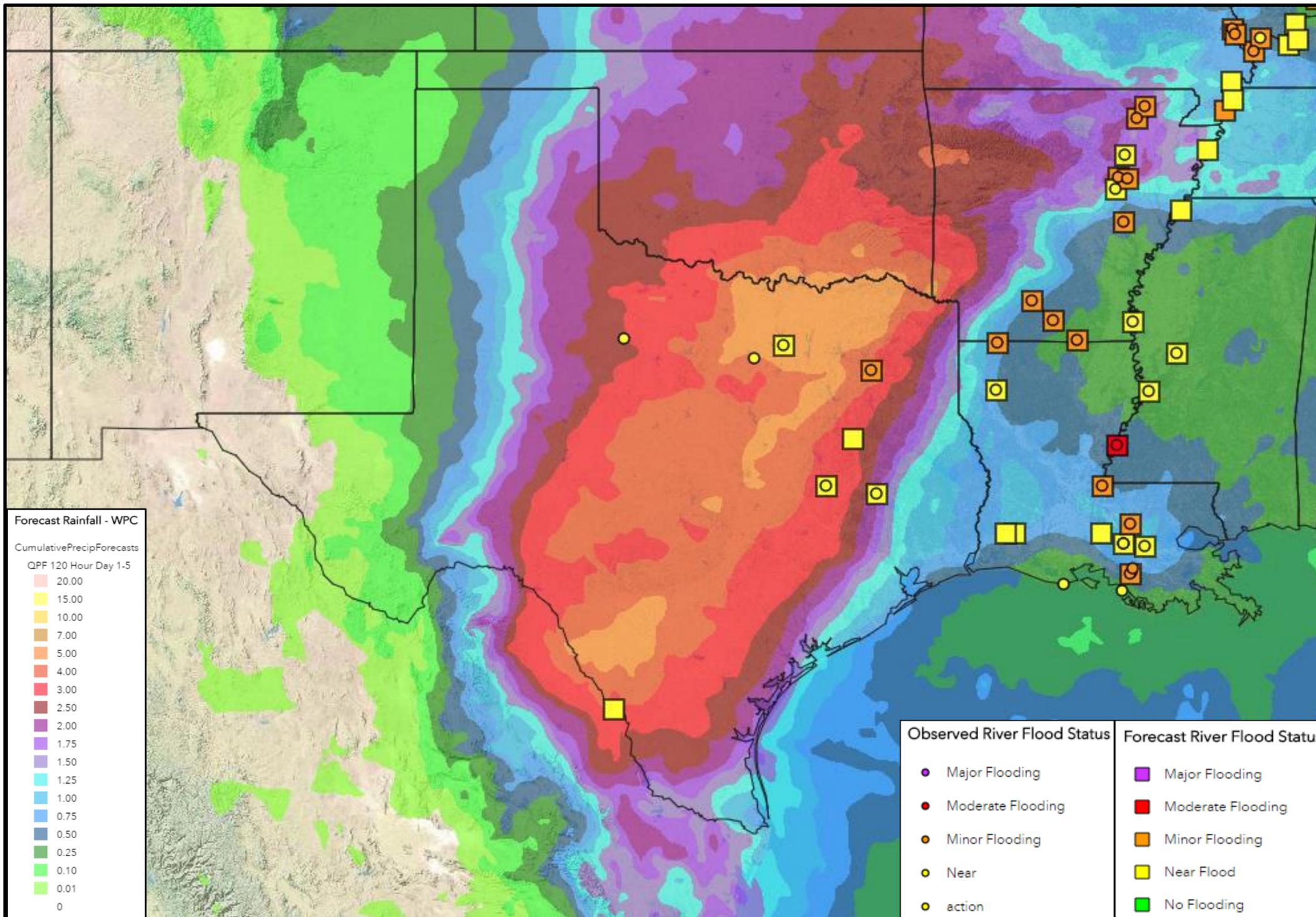


5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Minor flooding continues in TX, LA & AR. Impacts are mostly to agriculture and secondary roads.

Threat of heavy rainfall will exist this weekend into next week. New river flooding may occur across parts of TX/OK.

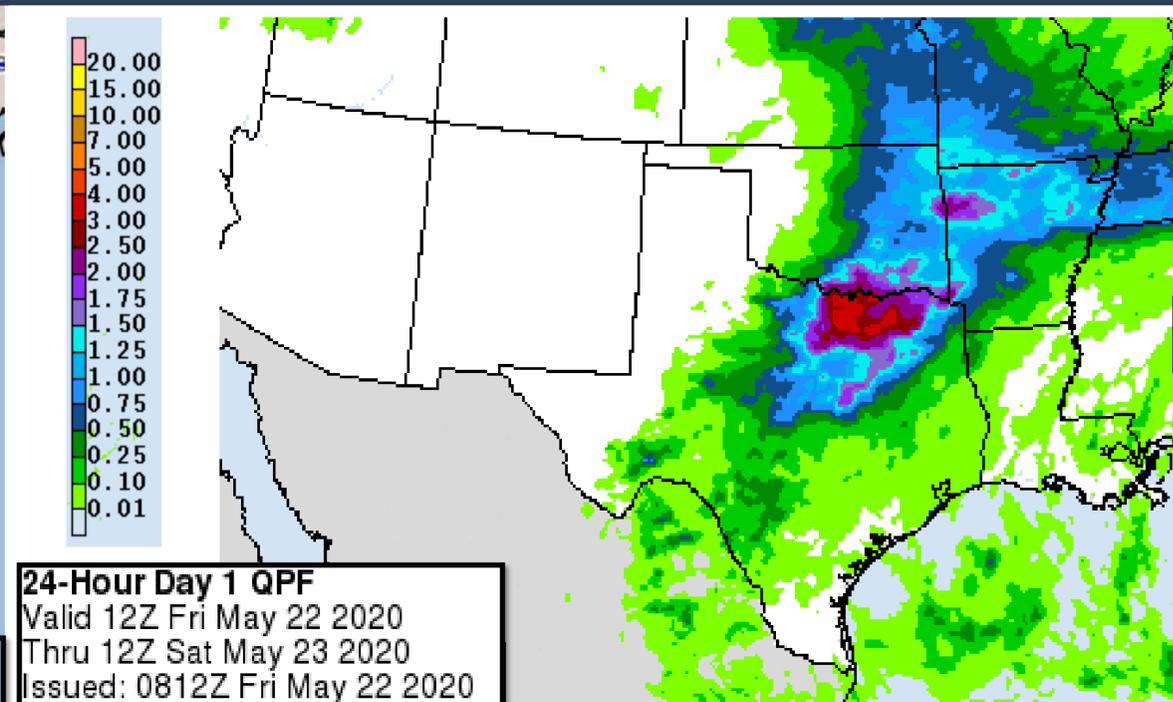
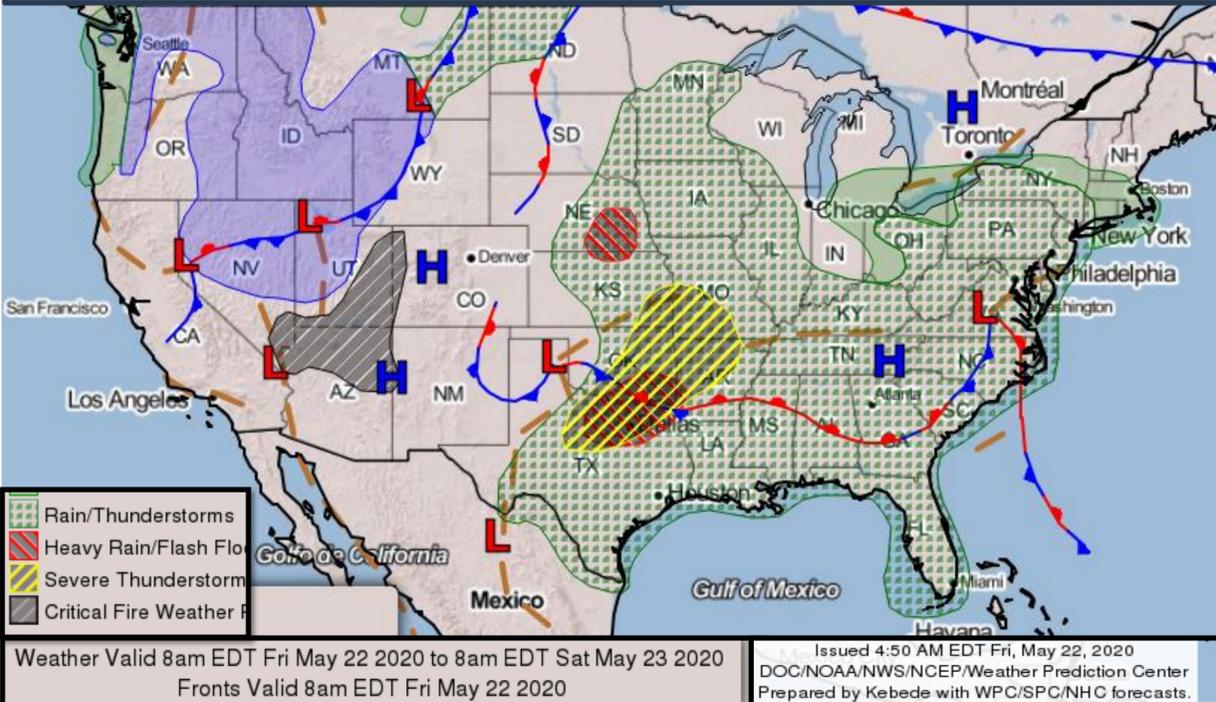
Today's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall



Enhanced risk of severe storms across S & E OK and NTX. Threats include damaging winds, large to very large hail, and tornadoes.

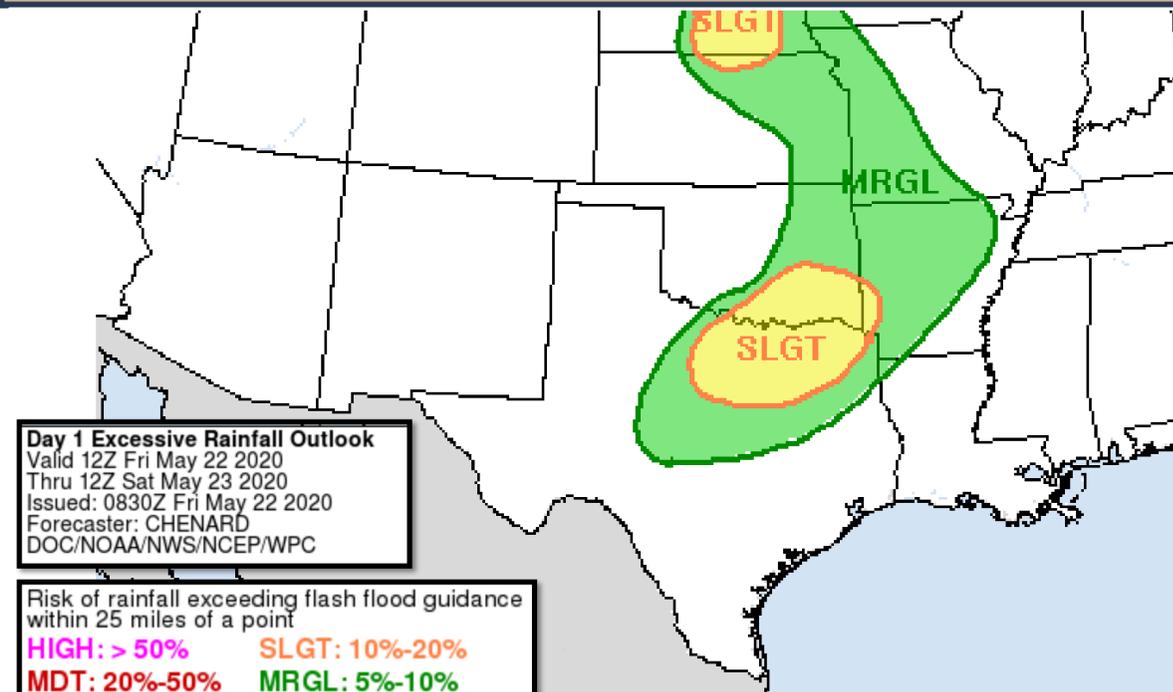
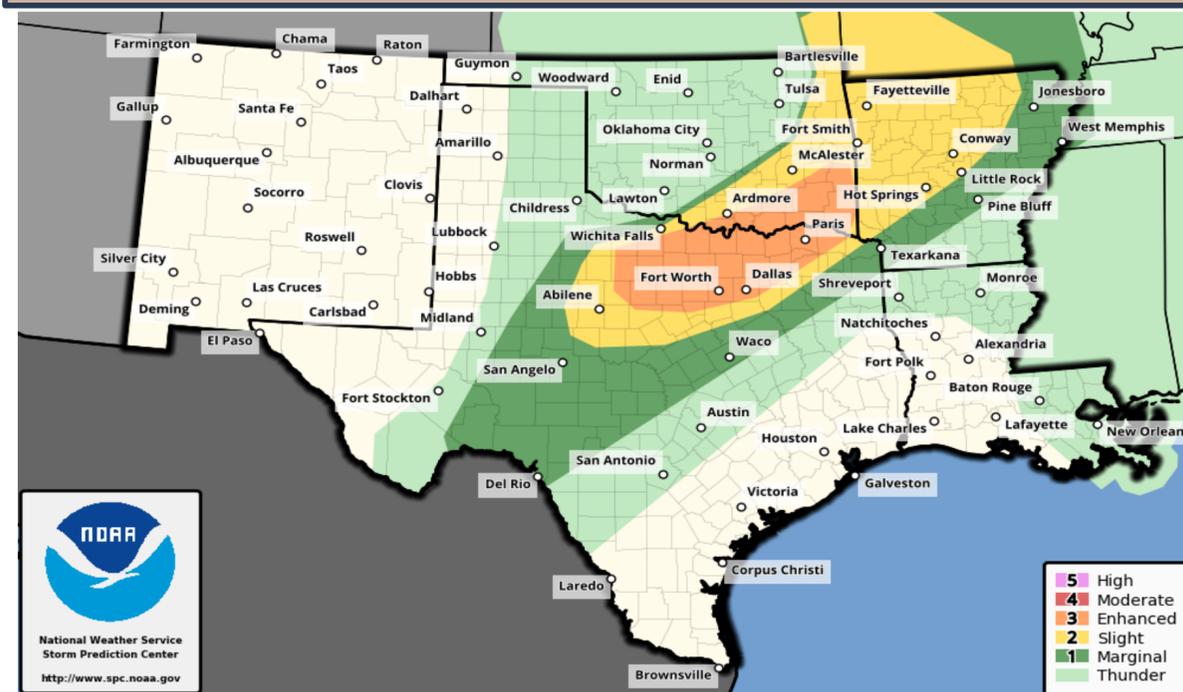
Slight risk of severe storms across parts of TX, OK, and AR.

Heavy rainfall and flash flooding across NTX and SE OK.

Isolated heavy rainfall and flash flooding across parts of TX, OK, and AR.

Severe Weather Outlook

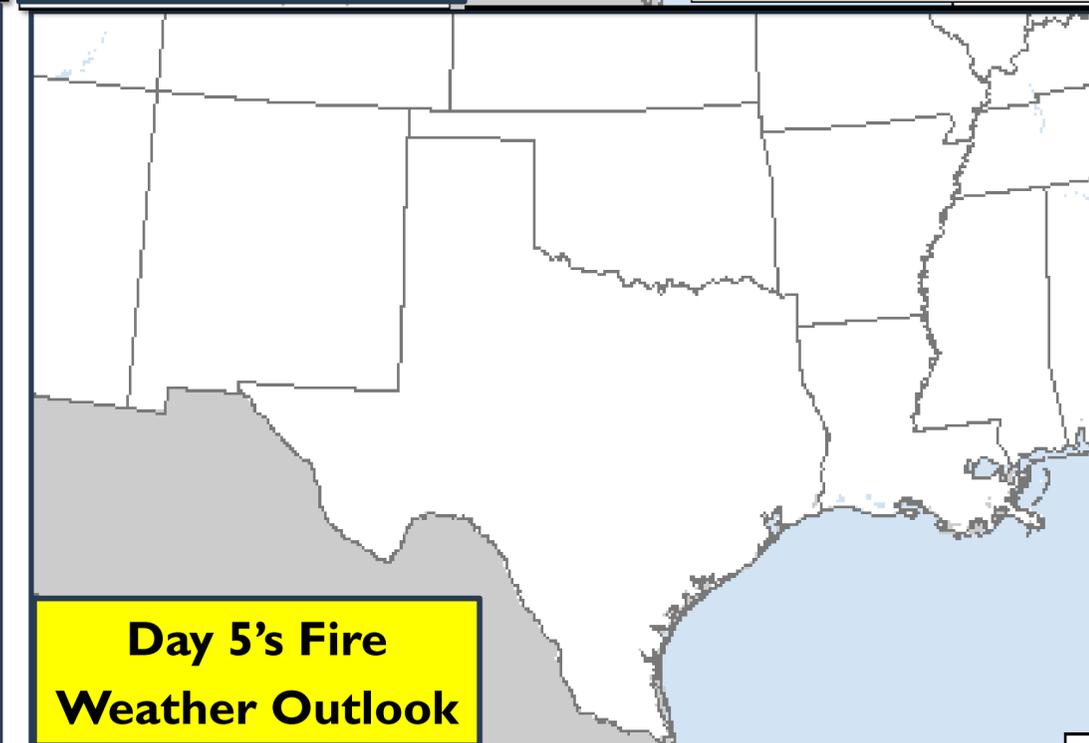
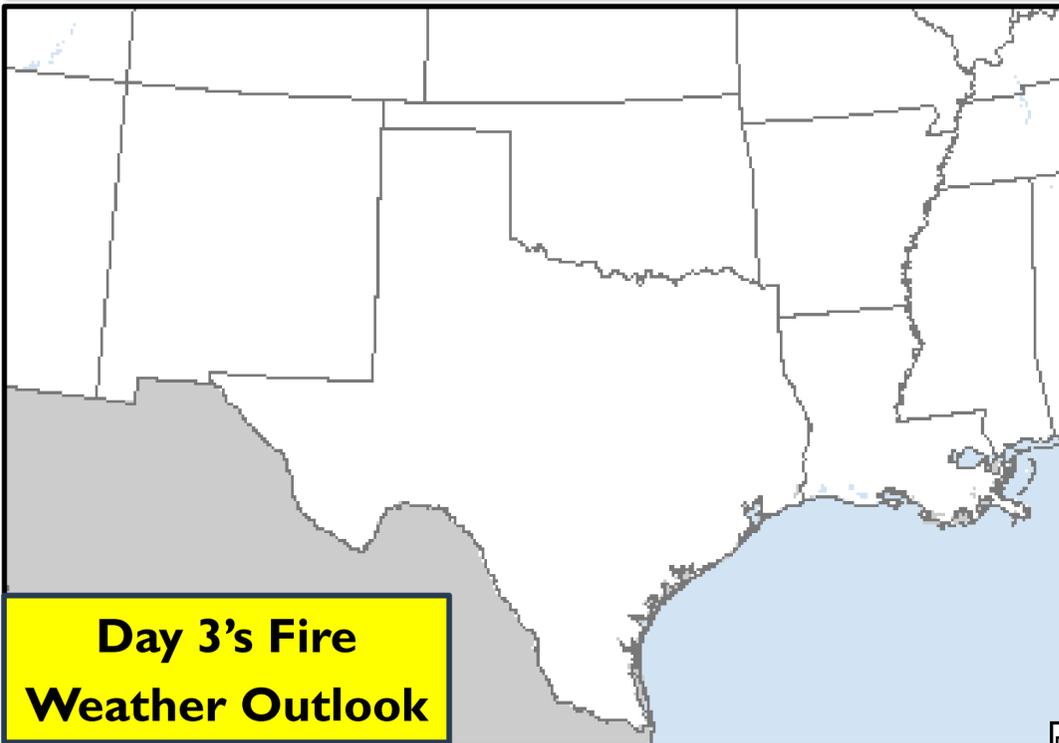
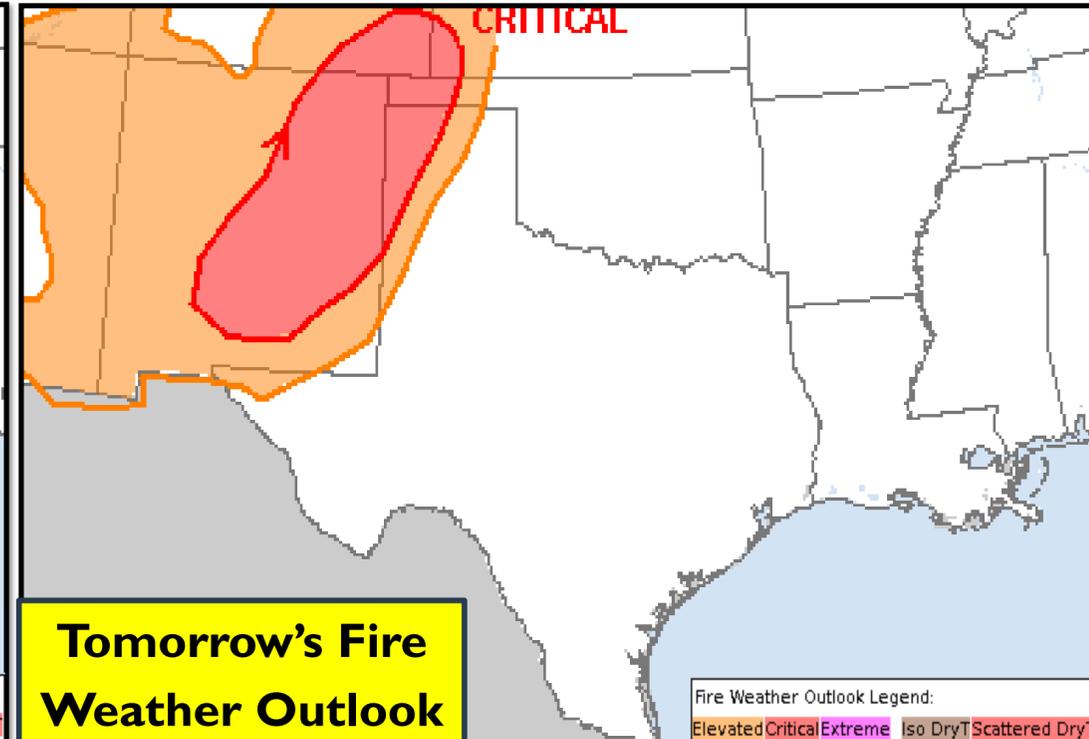
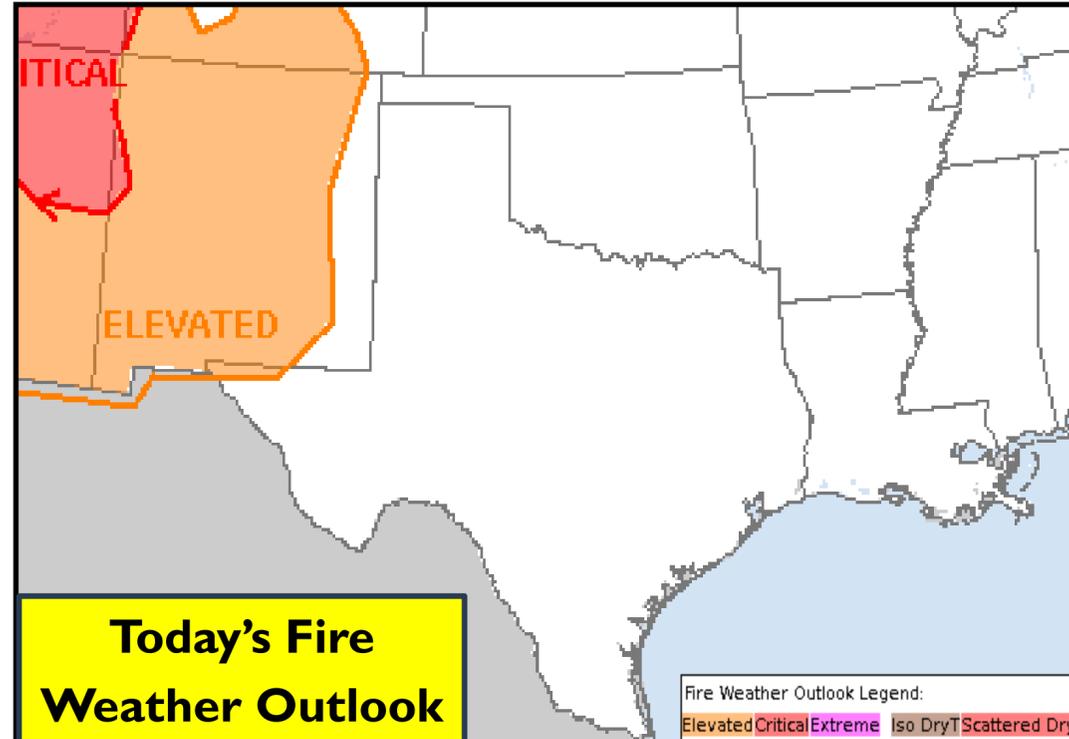
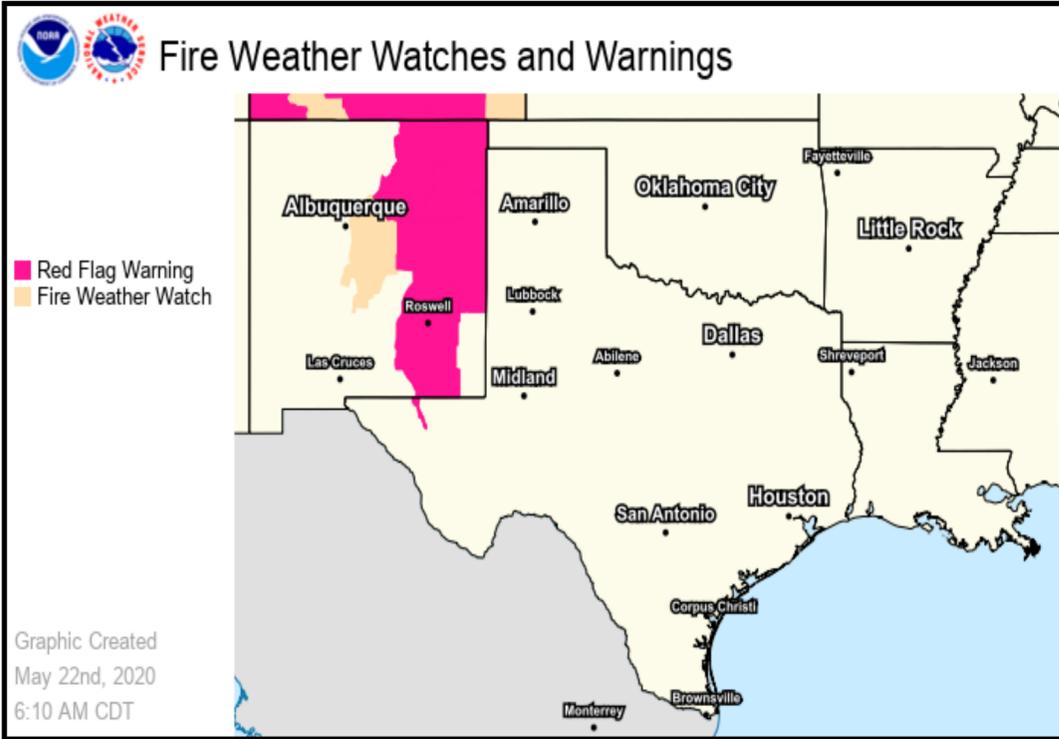
Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Fire Weather Outlooks



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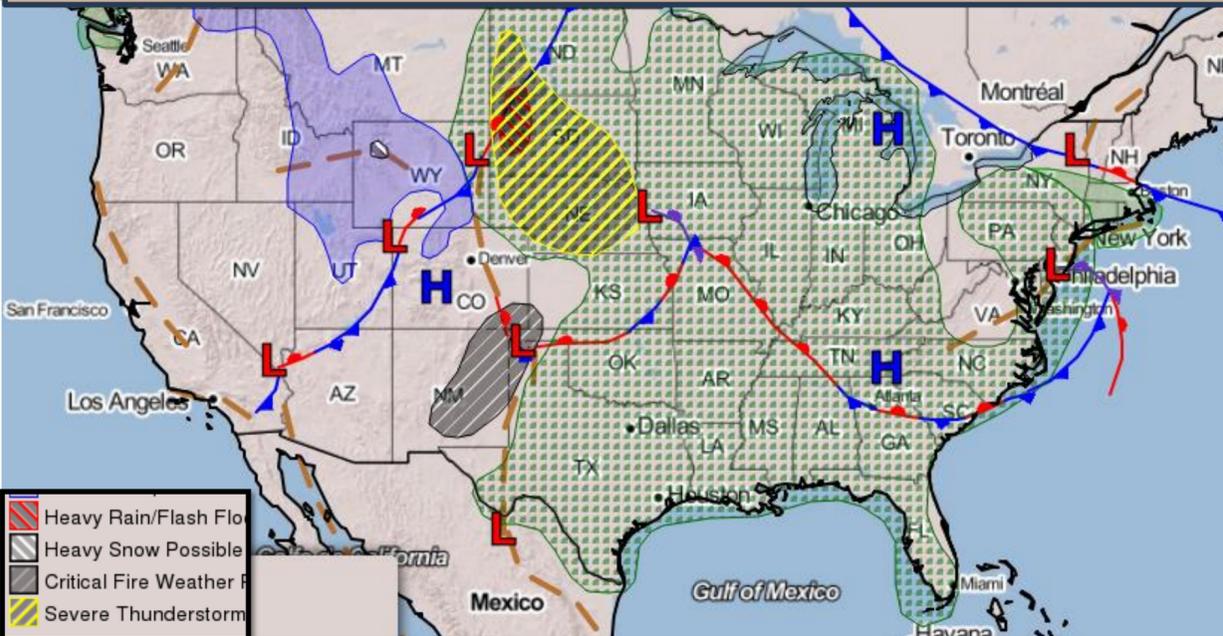
Tomorrow's Weather



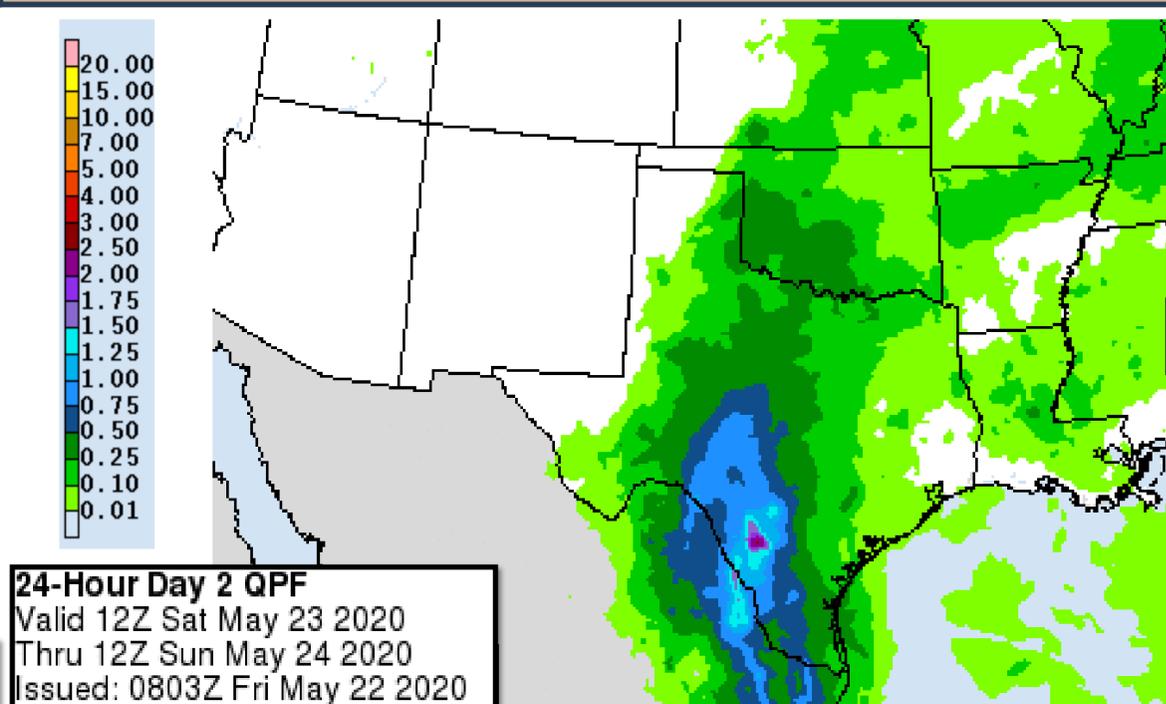
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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall



Weather Valid 8am EDT Sat May 23 2020 to 8am EDT Sun May 24 2020
Fronts Valid 8am EDT Sat May 23 2020
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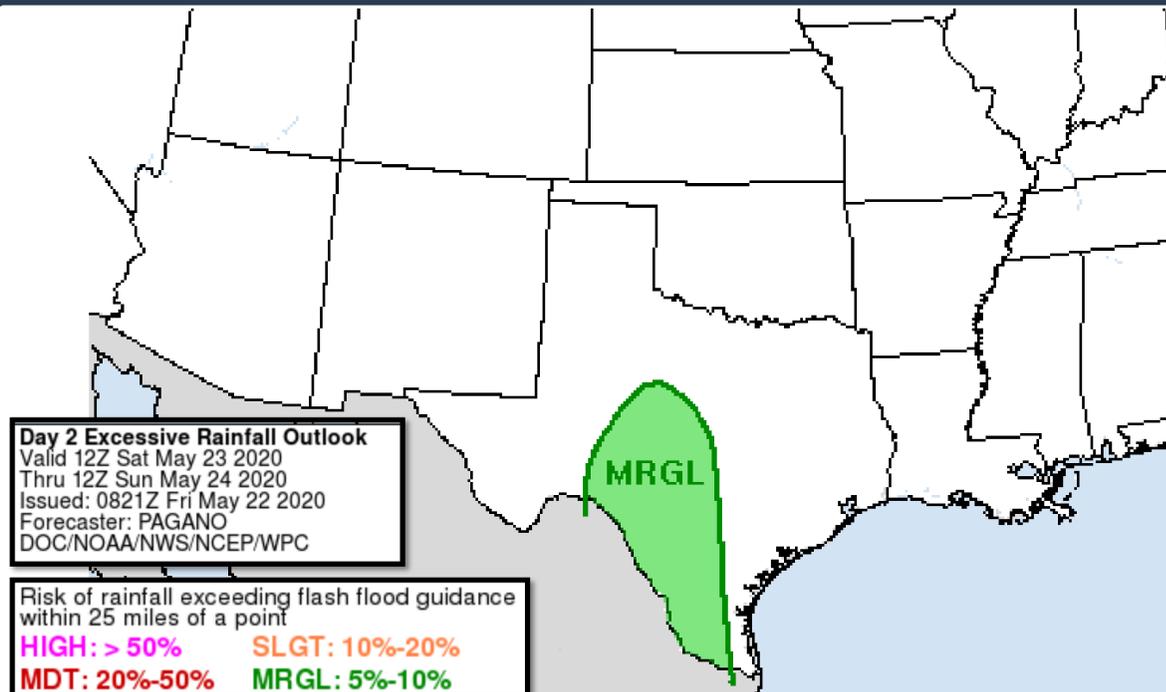
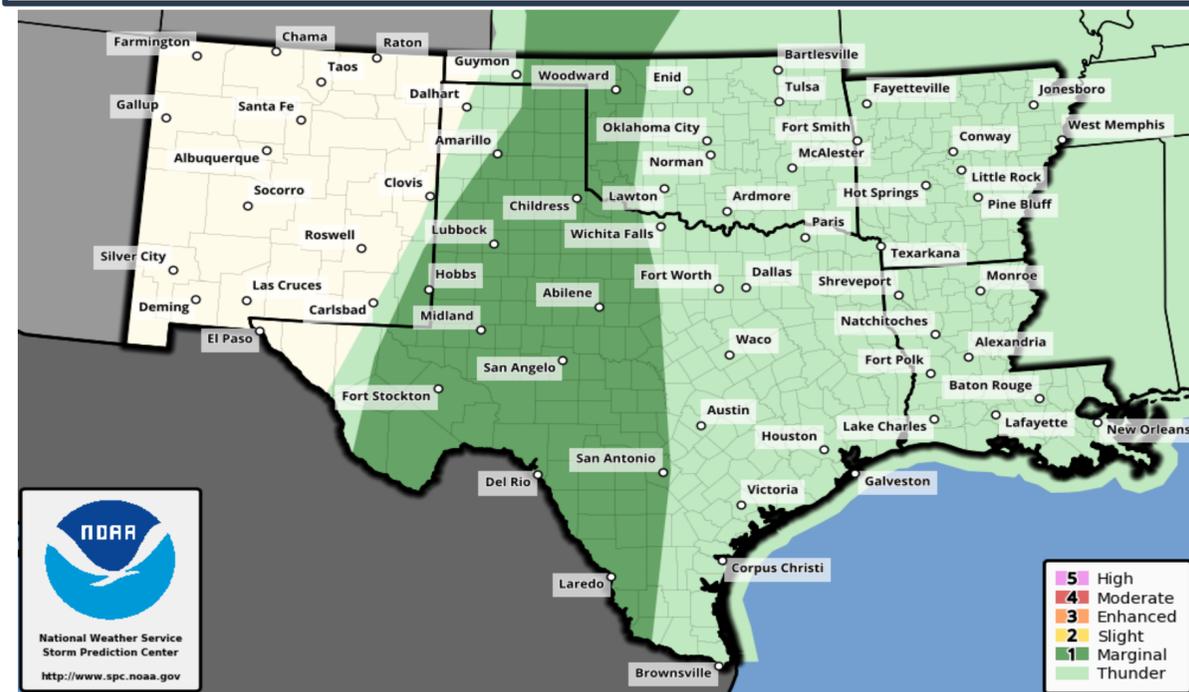


Isolated strong to severe storms across W OK and TX.

Isolated heavy rainfall and flash flooding across Central and STX.

Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



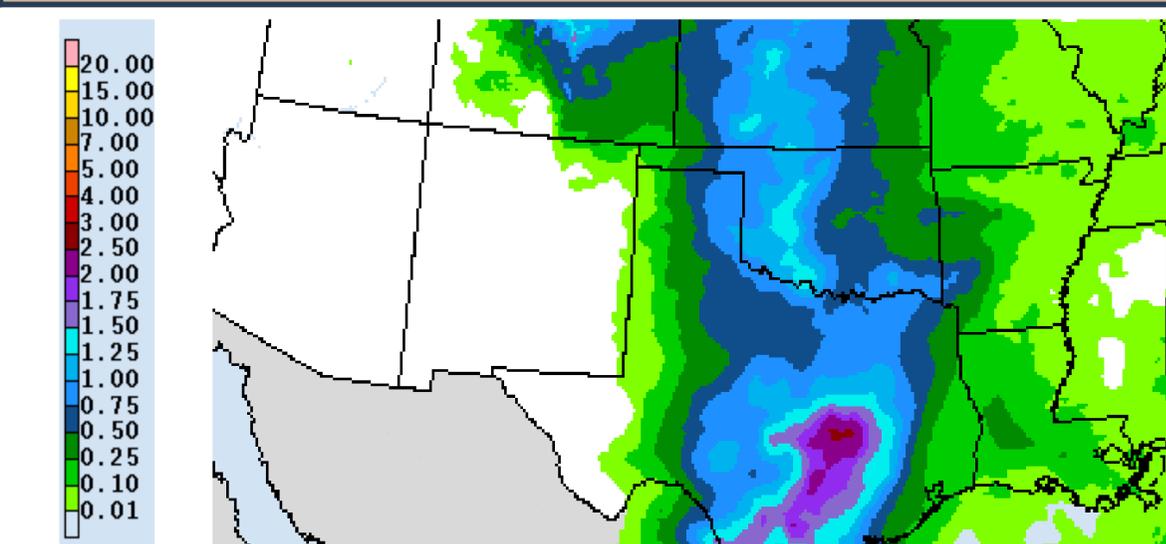
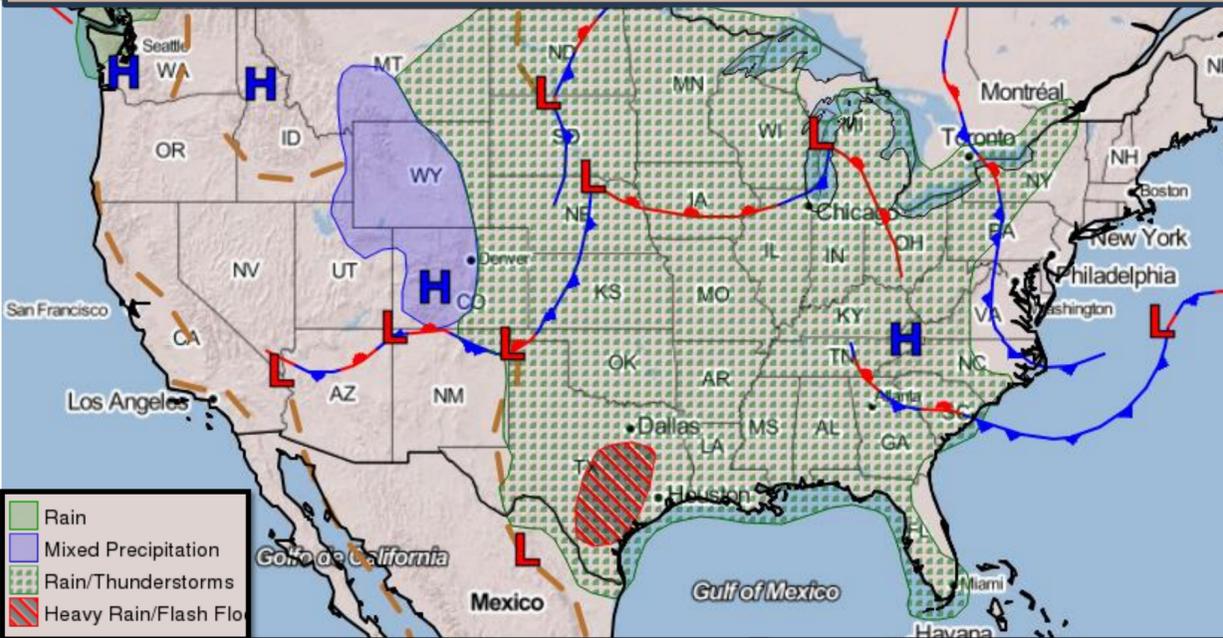
Sunday's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall



Heavy rainfall and flash flooding across central and south TX.

Isolated heavy rainfall and flash flooding across OK, W AR, and much of TX.

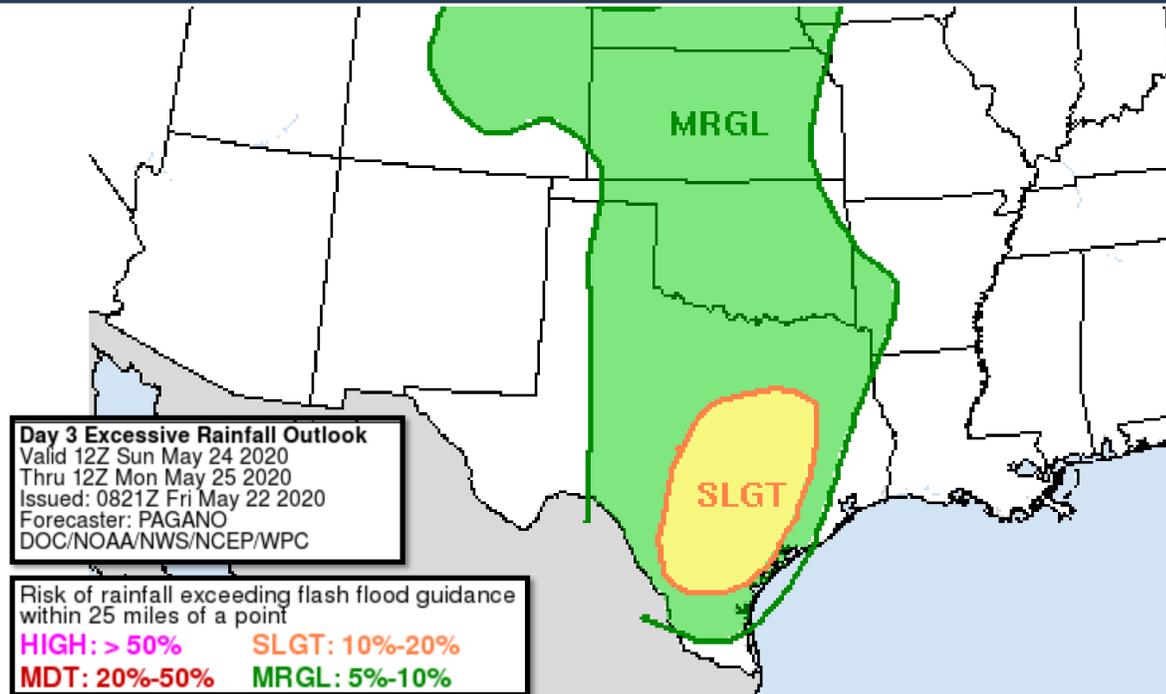
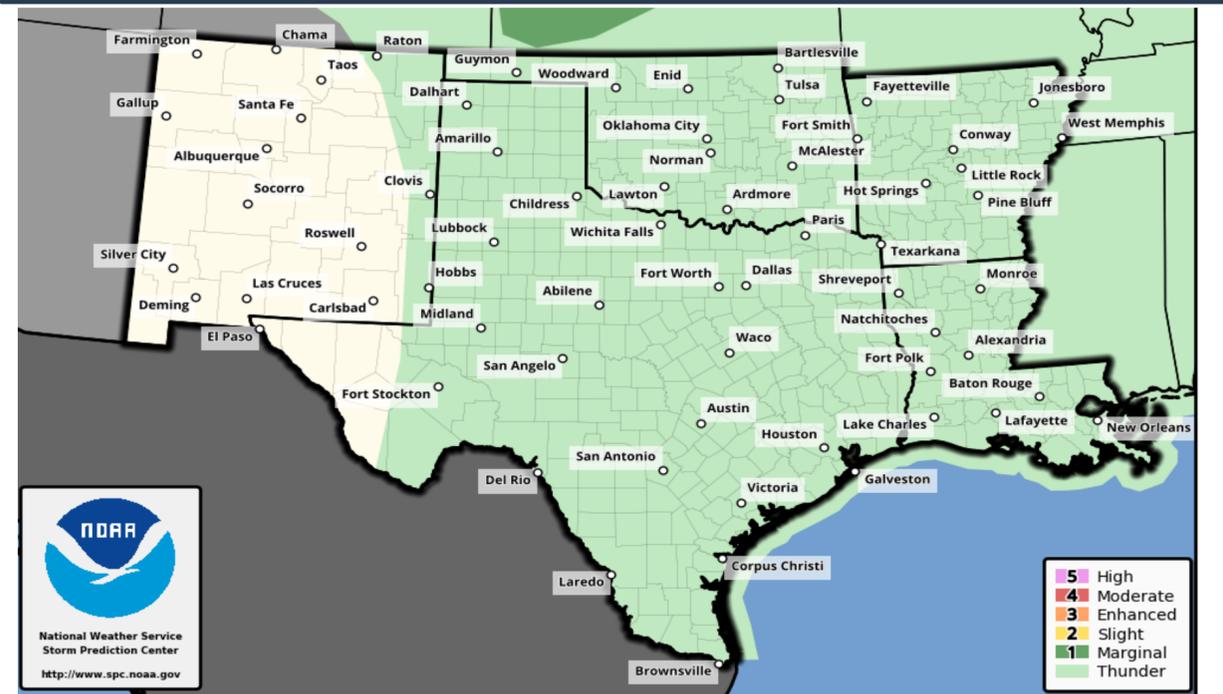
Isolated strong to severe storms across TX/OK.

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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kebede with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts.

24-Hour Day 3 QPF
Valid 12Z Sun May 24 2020
Thru 12Z Mon May 25 2020
Issued: 0803Z Fri May 22 2020

Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 3 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Valid 12Z Sun May 24 2020
Thru 12Z Mon May 25 2020
Issued: 0821Z Fri May 22 2020
Forecaster: PAGANO
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance within 25 miles of a point

HIGH: > 50% **SLGT: 10%-20%**
MDT: 20%-50% **MRGL: 5%-10%**

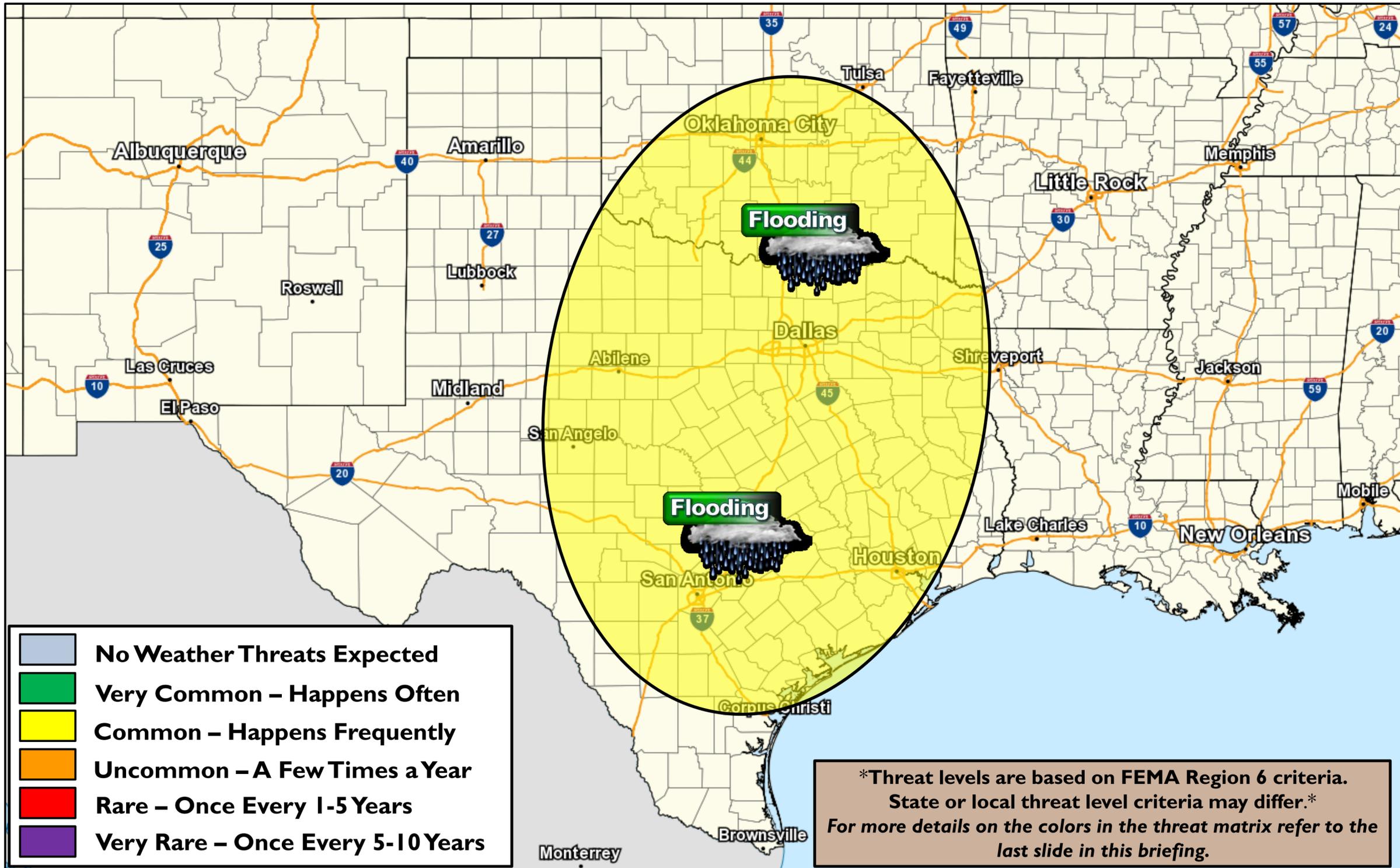
Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Monday - Tuesday



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Isolated strong to severe storms and heavy rainfall and flash flooding across TX/OK.

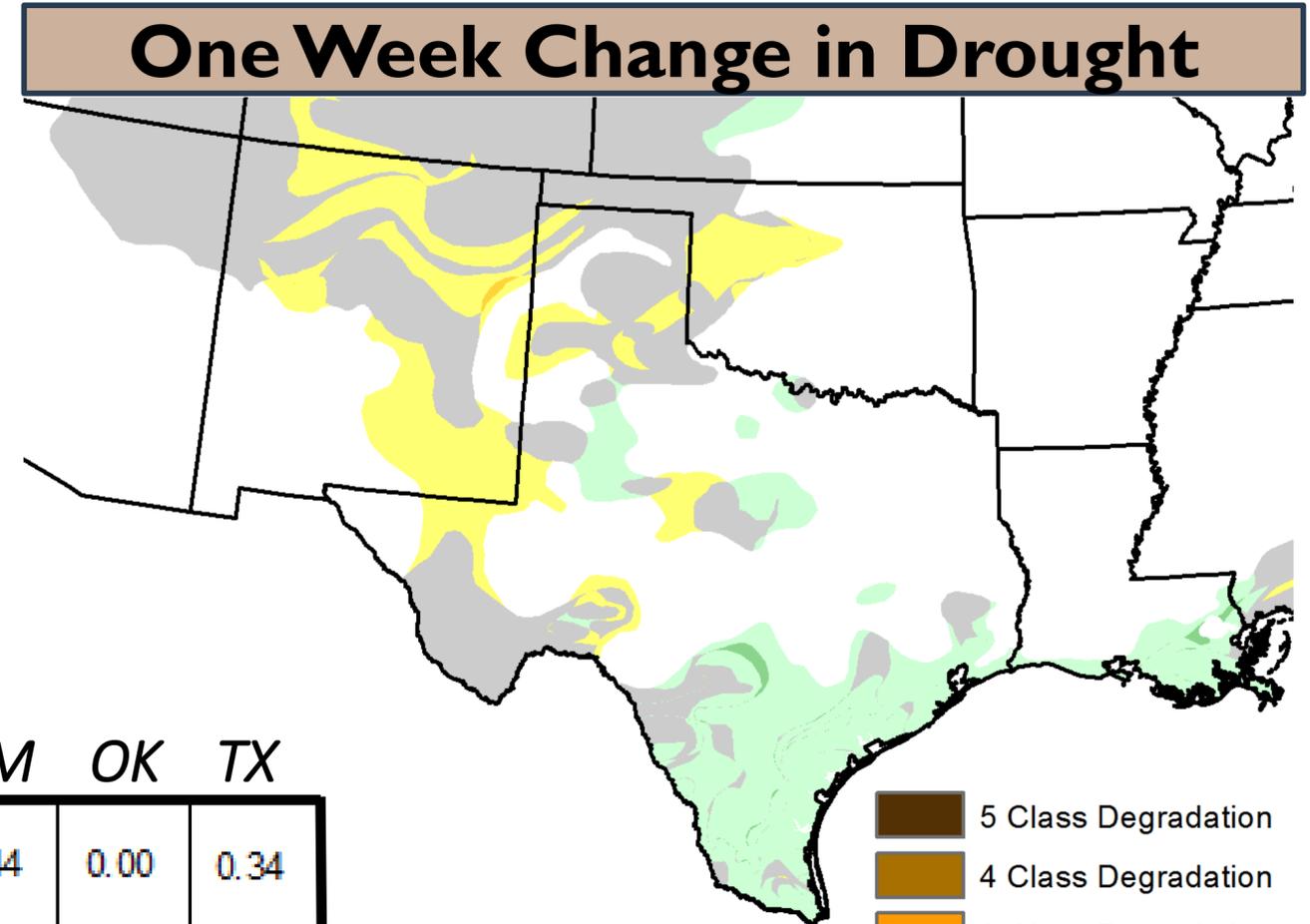
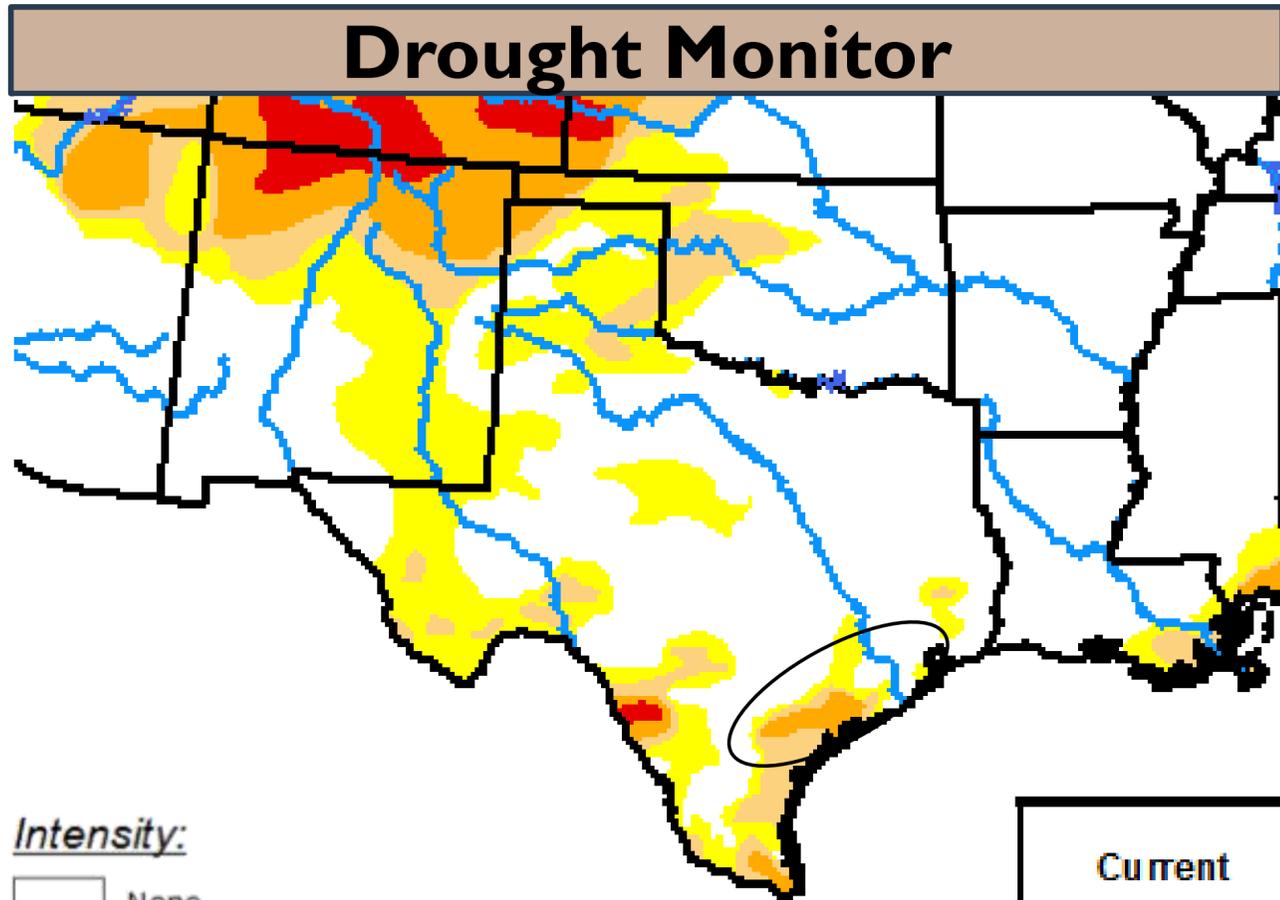


Drought Monitor (Released May 21, 2020)



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Data valid as of 8 am ET on Tuesday, May 19, 2020



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

	AR	LA	NM	OK	TX
Current	0.00	0.00	4.44	0.00	0.34
Last Week <i>05-12-2020</i>	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.00	1.99
3 Months Ago <i>02-18-2020</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.66
One Year Ago <i>05-21-2019</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

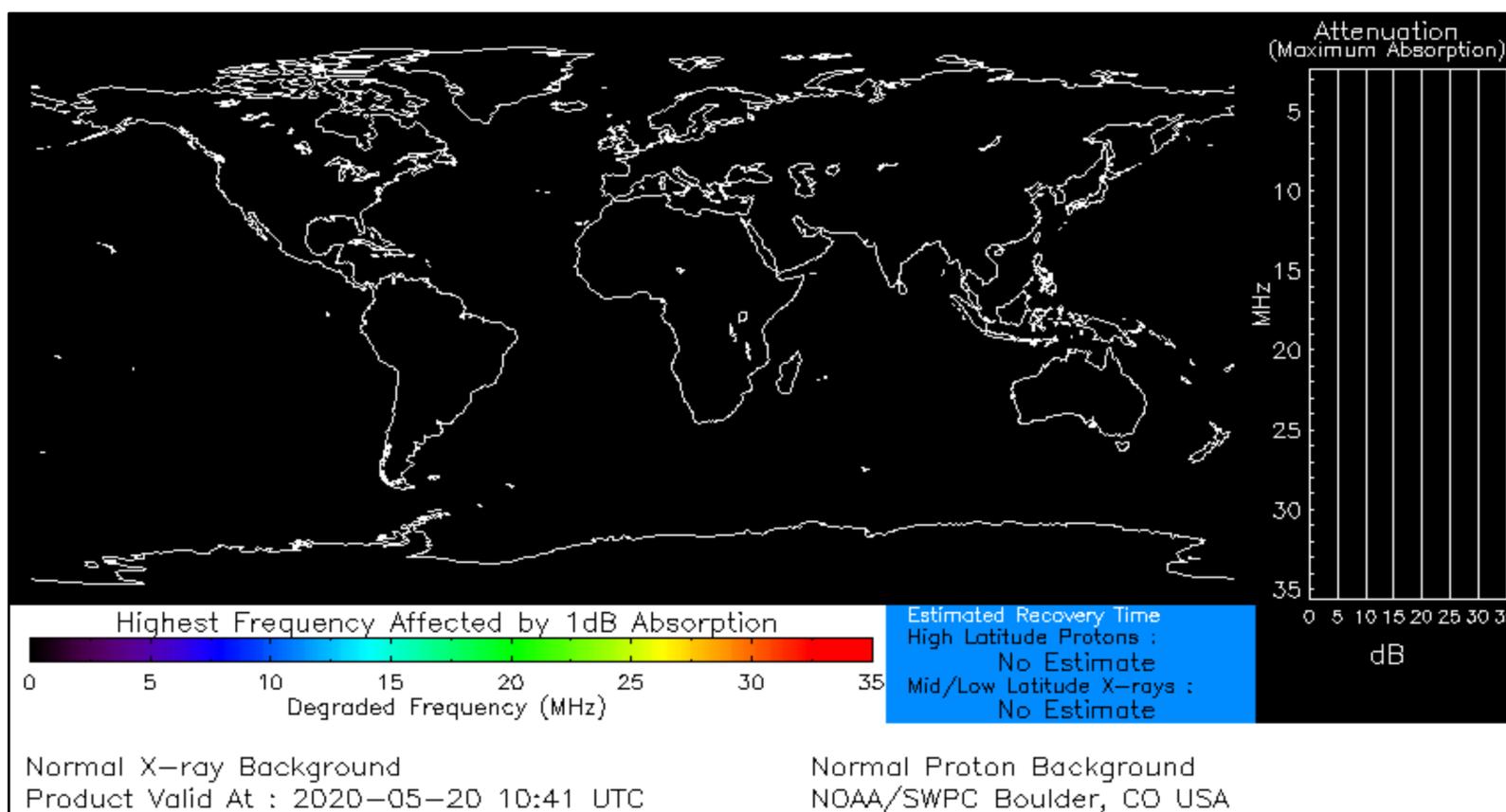
- 5 Class Degradation
- 4 Class Degradation
- 3 Class Degradation
- 2 Class Degradation
- 1 Class Degradation
- No Change
- 1 Class Improvement
- 2 Class Improvement
- 3 Class Improvement
- 4 Class Improvement
- 5 Class Improvement

Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



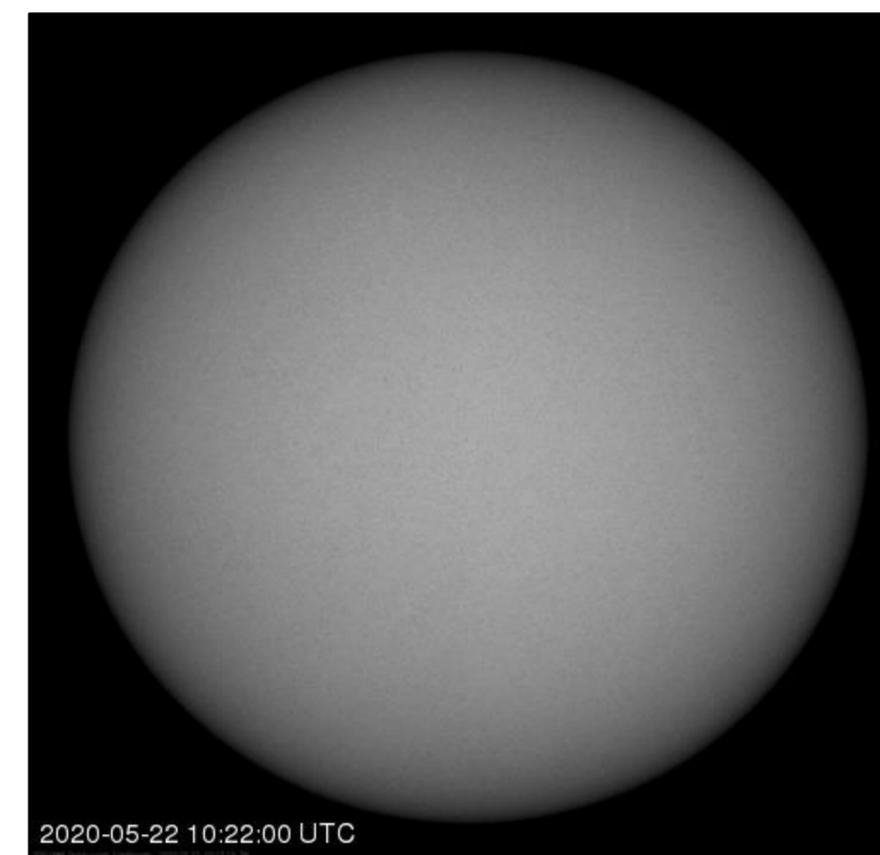
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	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)





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Weather "Threat" Matrix

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<p style="text-align: center;">Very Common</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>	<p>Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;">Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	<p style="text-align: center;">Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	<p style="text-align: center;">Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</p> <p>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	<p style="text-align: center;">Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</p> <p>Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov.