



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

September 09, 2021

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, September 08, 2021 through 0600 hours, September 09, 2021.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System: The Secretary of Homeland Security has issued a new National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin regarding the current heightened threat environment across the United States. The Homeland continues to face a diverse and challenging threat environment leading up to and following the 20th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks as well religious holidays we assess could serve as a catalyst for acts of targeted violence. These threats include those posed by domestic terrorists, individuals and groups engaged in grievance-based violence, and those inspired or motivated by foreign terrorists and other malign foreign influences. These actors are increasingly exploiting online forums to influence and spread violent extremist narratives and promote violent activity. Such threats are also exacerbated by impacts of the ongoing global pandemic, including grievances over public health safety measures and perceived government restrictions.

Effective: 08/13/2021 1400 hours to 11/11/2021 1400 hours.

Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) Status: Supporting the "Heroin and Opioid Disaster Emergency Declaration"

Department of Health Operations Center (DOC): Activated in support of the COVID-19 Outbreak – Conducting public health and medical coordination

County EOC Activations: Blair – Enhanced watch for COVID-19
Cumberland - Partial activation for COVID-19
Delaware – Partial activation for COVID-19
Huntingdon - Enhanced watch for COVID-19
Lebanon - Level III monitoring for COVID-19

Philadelphia – Partial activation for COVID-19
Union – Level II monitoring for COVID-19
Delaware - Activated for Tropical Storm Ida
Philadelphia - Activated for Tropical Storm Ida

Municipal EOC Activations: None

CAPABILITIES STATUS:

PA All-Hazards Type-3 Incident Management Team – Mission Capable
PA-Task Force 1 (PA-TF1) – Mission Capable

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: None
Power Outage Reports: As of 0520 hours, 2,268 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 9/8/21 – A severe weather system moved across the Commonwealth on Wednesday causing flash flood warnings, severe thunderstorm warnings, and a tornado warning. There were several reports of flooded roadways, predominantly in Northampton County, and two water rescues, one in Northampton County and one in Lehigh County. Power outages peaked at 11,655 and all watches/warnings will expire at 0830 hours.

SINK HOLE – York County, 9/8/21 – The intersection of South Third and Chestnut Streets in Wrightsville Borough was blocked off, due to a 40 foot deep sinkhole. A PPL or Verizon pole was destabilized. Crews tried to evacuate two nearby homes, but the residents declined. The gas company did turn the gas off to the residences. School bus routes will have to be altered around the scene.

ROAD CLOSURE – Westmoreland County, 9/8/21 – I-70 east at exit 51 in South Huntingdon Township was closed to remove a tractor trailer from a previous accident. There was no trapped queue. The roadway was closed three hours before opening to a lane restriction. The repairs to the damaged guide rails is expected to be completed today.

FIREFIGHTER LINE OF DUTY DEATH – Washington County, 9/4/21 – A 73-year-old Ellsworth Fire Volunteer Department firefighter, Ellsworth Borough, was transported to Washington Hospital for chest pains after returning from a call and subsequently passed away. 9/7/21 – The family will be having a private memorial service and the fire department will be having a separate memorial later. No other details have been released at this time.

9-1-1 PHONE OUTAGE - Perry County, 9/2/21 - A phone outage has occurred at Perry County 911 in Bloomfield Borough. An ANI/ALI failure occurred, and the center is unable to make any out-going phone calls, but are still able to receive calls. They are unable to transfer their calls to Dauphin County (their backup center). A trouble ticket was submitted to Lumen. Flooding in Lumen’s Central Office caused the outage and Lumen continues to work on restoring services. As of 9/4/21, ANI/ALI services have been restored. As of 9/7/21, the other issues of transferring calls and receiving local calls still continues.

ADVERSE WEATHER EVENT – Statewide, 9/1/21 – The Commonwealth Response and Coordination Center (CRCC) activated at 0800 hours on 9/1/21 to support response to the remnants of Hurricane Ida. The remains of the storm began to cross into Pennsylvania Tuesday overnight, bringing heavy rain and triggering Flood, Flash Flood, and Tornado Watches and Warnings across the state. Swift water teams were pre-staged in several areas of the Commonwealth and PA-HART was activated. Numerous counties activated their EOCs. Statewide power outages peaked at over 122,000. The heaviest impacts were due to flooding which resulted in evacuations and widespread road closures. Governor Wolf has issued a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency. The CRCC demobilized at 2000 hours on 9/2/21. All EOCs have demobilized except for Delaware and Philadelphia Counties.

EVACUATION – Allegheny County, 9/1/21 - Emergency crews preemptively evacuated an unknown number of residents along Railroad Street in the Borough of Bridgeville due to the threat of a creek overflowing its banks. Evacuated residents were offered shelter at the Bridgeville Fire Station until waters receded. Bridgeville Borough experienced flooding on numerous local roads. The borough issued a Disaster Declaration. Oakdale Borough also reported flooding with both the fire and police stations being evacuated. In Plum Borough, a body washed up along the shore with debris in the area near the Logan's Ferry Boat Docks. The county EOC activated and has since returned to normal operations.

EVACUATION – Cumberland County, 9/1/21 - An evacuation recommendation was issued for Williams Grove Trailer Park in Monroe Township. A temporary shelter was established at Monroe Township Fire Company. PSP went door to door in the Williams Grove Trailer Park and determined 114 of 250 individuals that lived in the park would not evacuate. The county EOC activated and has since returned to normal operations.

EVACUATION - Dauphin County, 9/1/21 - Steelton Borough and Middle Paxton Township submitted Disaster Declarations. Derry Township evacuated the neighborhood at Hillcrest Drive and Sunset Drive due to rising water. The county EOC activated and has since returned to normal operations.

EVACUATION – Blair County, 9/1/21 – The county EOC activated due to flooding. A shelter was opened overnight at the Blair County Convention Center due to the evacuation of several areas. Emergency Declarations were received from: Williamsburg Region, Williamsburg Borough, Catharine Township, and Woodbury Township. The county EOC has closed and damage assessments are ongoing.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Montgomery County, 9/1/21 – Interstate 76 east was closed for approximately four hours due to flooding. Three workers became trapped in a quarry at Lower Salford Township when the area became washed out. A PA-HART CH-47 was deployed to the scene to assist with the rescue. On arrival, the three were able to walk out on their own and PA-HART was waved off and returned to base. Ten municipalities have Disaster Declarations at this time. An EF2 tornado has been confirmed from Upper Dublin Township to Horsham Township. Two storm related deaths were reported. The county EOC was activated and has returned to normal operations.

EVACUATION – Monroe County, 9/1/21 – The Fawn Valley Trailer Park, in Hamilton Township, consisting of 100 people in 40 trailers, was evacuated to Stroudsburg High School due to flooding. Numerous roads throughout the county were closed due to flooding. The county EOC was activated and has since resumed normal operations.

EVACUATION – Philadelphia County, 9/1/21 - The fire department evacuated an apartment building with 40 individuals on Venice Island in the Manayunk section of

Philadelphia City due to flooding. I-676 was closed in both directions between Ben Franklin Parkway/23rd St. and Broad St /Central Philadelphia due to flooding until eastbound reopened on 9/4/21. The westbound lanes reopened on 9/7/21. There were also multiple side streets closed due to flooding. Major flooding occurred along the Schuylkill River; flood waters have receded and recovery operations continue. The Philadelphia EOC is still activated due to conducting damage assessment.

EVACUATION – Schuylkill County, 9/1/21 - Spring Street in Tremont Borough was evacuated as a precaution due to high levels of the Good Spring Creek. The evacuees were housed at the Tremont Fire Company. The shelter is now closed. Moon Lake in Barry Township overtopped the dam. Mountain Water Authority of Joliett was without power. The county EOC was activated and has since stood down.

EVACUATION - Luzerne County, 9/1/21 - The City of Wilkes-Barre issued mandatory evacuations for numerous city streets. Residents in the city were also evacuated from local roads and the lower section of the Valley Stream trailer park due to flooding.

EVACUATION - Chester County, 9/2/21 - Pickering Creek Dam in Schuylkill Township exceeded the warning/evacuation stage according to the dam plan. Chester County implemented reverse 911 notifications to the residents within the evacuation zone. The evacuation zone included 75 houses / 250 residents, a PECO substation, and the Pickering Creek Water Treatment Plant. The reception center for evacuees was at Phoenixville High School. Water levels have since receded and the evacuation has been lifted. One storm related death was confirmed. US-1 was closed in both directions at Chadds Ford School Drive due to flooding and reopened on 9/3/21. An EF1 tornado has been confirmed near Oxford Borough. The county Emergency Operations Center was partially activated and deactivated on 9/3/21.

WATER EMERGENCY – Carbon County, 7/26/21 – A disaster emergency was declared for Summit Hill Borough due to a prolonged interruption of municipal water supply. This interruption is due to the borough having work done on their water tank which is impacting normal water supply operations. No critical care facilities are impacted. Approximately 3,100 customers are affected. Two 10,000-gallon potable water tanks were connected to the water system to assist in providing pressure to the water grid. Fire units will be utilizing tankers for fire operations. Water tank repairs are ongoing. The repairs are extensive and could take one month or more. As of 8/17/21, work continues, and estimated completion is the last week of August. As of 9/7/21, work continues, and estimated completion is the end of October.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE – Lackawanna County, 9/8/21 – A tractor trailer, hauling frozen chickens, rolled over closing I-476 south at mile post 130.5 in South Abington Township. There was no trapped queue and a Plan X was in place. The trailer was breached spilling frozen chickens onto the roadway. One person was transported to a local hospital. One lane was open in five and a half hours. All lanes were open in eight hours.

NATURAL GAS LINE STRUCK – Lackawanna County, 9/8/21 – A natural gas line was struck in the area of Forest Court and Linden Street in Scranton City. Several buildings were evacuated, including the Federal Courthouse and United States Postal Service. UGI secured the leak and all units cleared the scene.

HELICOPTER ACCIDENT – Chester County, 9/8/21 – A helicopter took a hard landing and turned over on its side at the New Garden Airport in New Garden Township. There was some sparking from the cockpit area. No injuries were reported.

BOMB INCIDENT – Dauphin County, 9/8/21 – Residents within a two block radius of 220 North Union Street in Middletown Borough were evacuated to MCSO Building, due to a bomb incident. Evacuees were allowed to return home in approximately nine hours.

SCHOOL EVACUATION – Mifflin County, 9/8/21 - The Lewistown Intermediate School in Lewistown Borough was evacuated, due to an overheating generator running a test cycle. After ventilation was complete, students were able to return to school.

MISSING PERSON – Allegheny County, 9/8/21 - A search was conducted for a missing elderly female in the area of the 1900 block of Michigan Avenue in West Mifflin Borough. The female was located and evaluated by EMS.

DAM BREACH – Berks County, 9/4/21 - A minor breach occurred in the Green Hills Lake Dam in Robeson Township. The owners' engineer inspected the dam and recommended no evacuations or notices to the three homes in the inundation area. DEP Dam Safety responded and confirmed minor damage to the dam. County EMA advised police notified residents in the inundation area that there is an issue with the dam and that no evacuations have been ordered. The dam was monitored, and further inspection of the dam took place by a DEP regional engineer on 9/5/21. The inspection determined there was no imminent threat, and the dam owner will develop a repair plan on 9/6/21. DEP Dam Safety will continue to monitor.

PA TASK FORCE 1 ACTIVATION / ALERT – Out of State, 8/27/21 – In support of Hurricane Ida operations, two members of PA Task Force 1 were activated to the State Marshal's Headquarters in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. PA Task Force 1 (80 members, Type 1) was put on alert on 8/27/21 and staged at Philadelphia's Special Operations Center; they departed for Selma, Alabama on 8/28/21. They arrived later that evening in Birmingham, due to finding enough lodging for the whole team. As of 8/30/21, they continue to stage in Birmingham, Alabama where they were held by FEMA Region Four for two days to see if their assistance was needed. On Wednesday, 8/31/21, the team headed home resting overnight in Greensboro, North Carolina. A Type 3A water rescue team broke off from the rest of the task force and staged in Lancaster County to support the response for the remnants of Ida and has since demobilized. The rest of the team continued back home to Philadelphia. A member of Task Force 1 was also deployed to New Jersey to assist with recovery operations. On 9/8/21, notice was received that all PA Task Force 1 personnel have returned to station.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

8/31/21 - The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 8/31/21 in response to severe weather event Hurricane Ida that impacted the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania causing widespread threats of serious flash and riverine flooding and other adverse impacts throughout the Commonwealth.

7/29/21 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration #17054 and #17055, PA-00111 for Flash Flooding that occurred 7/12/21. The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster. The primary counties are Bucks, Philadelphia, and Tioga. In addition, the declaration covers the contiguous counties of Bradford, Delaware, Lehigh, Lycoming, Montgomery, Northampton, and Potter. There is a

Physical Loan Damage Application Deadline Date of 9/27/21 and an Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date of 4/29/22.

2/1/21 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Lackawanna and Carbon Counties for events and damages related to Winter Storm Arlene.

2/1/21 - The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 2/1/21 in response to severe winter event that began to impact the Commonwealth Pennsylvania on 1/31/21, causing dangerous winter weather conditions including snow, ice accumulation, and high winds.

12/18/20 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration #16815 and #16816, PA-00108 for Tropical Storm Isaias that occurred 8/04/20. The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster. The primary counties are Berks and Philadelphia. In addition, the declaration covers the contiguous counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Schuylkill. There is a Physical Loan Damage Application Deadline Date of 02/16/21 and an Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date of 9/20/21.

10/5/20 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requested that President Trump declare a major disaster for nine Pennsylvania counties in the wake of devastating flooding caused by Tropical Storm Isaias in August 2020. The request included Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia counties.

8/11/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Philadelphia County for events and damages related to Tropical Storm Isaias.

8/4/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Montgomery County for events and damages related to Tropical Storm Isaias.

3/30/20 - Governor Tom Wolf requested a major disaster declaration from the President through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide additional support for state, county and municipal governments and certain nonprofits, as well as individuals who are struggling during the COVID-19 outbreak. The request for a major disaster declaration will provide the same emergency protective measures available under the nationwide emergency proclamation; the following Individual Assistance programs: Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Community Disaster Loans and the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Program; and Statewide Hazard Mitigation. The President approved the declaration on 3/30/20 under Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4506-DR.

3/19/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Elk, Mercer, Monroe, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, and Susquehanna Counties in response to the COVID – 19 outbreak.

3/18/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Adams, Allegheny, Butler, Clearfield, Forest, Greene, Pike, and Schuylkill Counties in response to the COVID – 19 outbreak.

3/17/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Cambria, Cameron, Clarion, Clinton, Crawford, Cumberland, Fulton, Juniata, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Northumberland, Potter, Warren, and Washington Counties in response to the COVID – 19 outbreak.

3/16/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Bedford, Beaver, Blair, Cameron, Carbon, Columbia, Erie, Franklin, Huntington, Indiana, Jefferson, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Lycoming,

McKean, Perry, Tioga, Wayne, Wyoming, and York Counties in response to the COVID – 19 outbreak.

3/15/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Luzerne County in response to the COVID – 19 outbreak.

3/14/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Centre and Westmoreland Counties in response to the COVID – 19 outbreak.

3/13/20 – An Emergency Declaration for Public Assistance Emergency Protective Measures was issued on March 13, 2020 for all Pennsylvania counties to cover eligible costs that are directly associated with the Emergency Protective Measures being taken to respond to and protect the residents of Pennsylvania from the COVID-19 virus. The designation is EM-3441.

3/13/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Bradford, Bucks, Dauphin, Fayette, Northampton, and Union Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/12/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Allegheny, Berks, Mifflin, and Montour Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/08/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Montgomery County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

03/07/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Delaware County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

01/18/19 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 01/18/19 due to a severe winter event that is expected to impact the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, causing dangerous winter weather conditions including snow, ice accumulation, and flooding.

11/27/18 – A Major Disaster Declaration was declared on 11/27/18 for severe storms and flooding that occurred 8/10/18 – 8/15/18. Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was approved for Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Lycoming, Montour, Northampton, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming Counties. In addition, all areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The designation is FEMA-4408-DR.

1/10/18 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania signed a statewide disaster declaration on 1/10/2018 for the on-going heroin/opioid epidemic. It will enhance state response and increase access to treatment. The declaration is the first-of-its-kind for a public health emergency in Pennsylvania. It will utilize a command center at the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to track progress and enhance coordination of the health and public safety agencies. The declaration specifies 13 key initiatives that are the culmination of a collaboration between all state agencies, with focus on the departments of Health, Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Pennsylvania State Police. On 3/6/18, the governor amended this declaration to include the winter storm that began on 3/6/18.

12/2/16 – A Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was declared on December 2, 2016 for Bradford, Centre, Lycoming, and Sullivan counties. In addition, all

areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The designation is FEMA-4292-DR.

CONTIGUOUS STATE EVENTS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIA:

Delaware:	Enhanced Monitoring in support of COVID-19 response
Maryland:	Partially activated in support of COVID-19 response
New Jersey:	Partially activated in support of COVID-19 response
	Fully activated in support of Tropical Storm Ida
New York:	Partially activated in support of COVID-19 response
	Partially activated in support of Tropical Storm Ida
Ohio:	Assessment and Monitoring in support of COVID-19 response
West Virginia:	Enhanced Monitoring in support of COVID-19 response

24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0544 hours, 9/9/21

Much cooler temperatures aloft, associated with an upper level trough sliding east across the Commonwealth this afternoon through the midday hours Friday. This will bring more clouds than sunshine in most places this afternoon and evening with scattered to numerous showers this afternoon into early this evening across the northwest mountains.

Other locations across the state will experience just some scattered, mainly afternoon, sprinkles or a brief shower.

Dry weather will occur Friday through Sunday period with temperatures starting off on the chilly side both Friday and Saturday with early morning temperatures in the 40s and 50s. The afternoon high temperatures rising from about five degrees below normal Friday to several degrees or above normal on Sunday.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

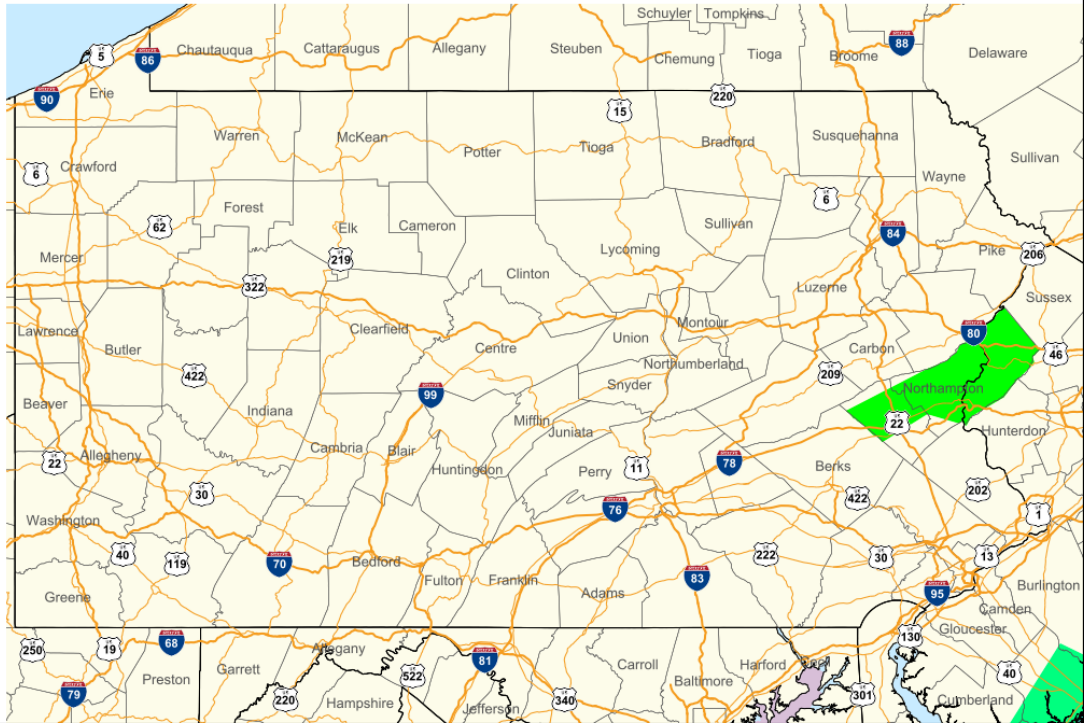
A Flood Warning was issued until 0730 hours on 9/9/21 for Lehigh County.

A Flood Warning was issued until 0830 hours on 9/9/21 for Northampton County.



Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

- Flood Warning
- Flood Advisory
- Rip Current Statement
- Small Craft Advisory



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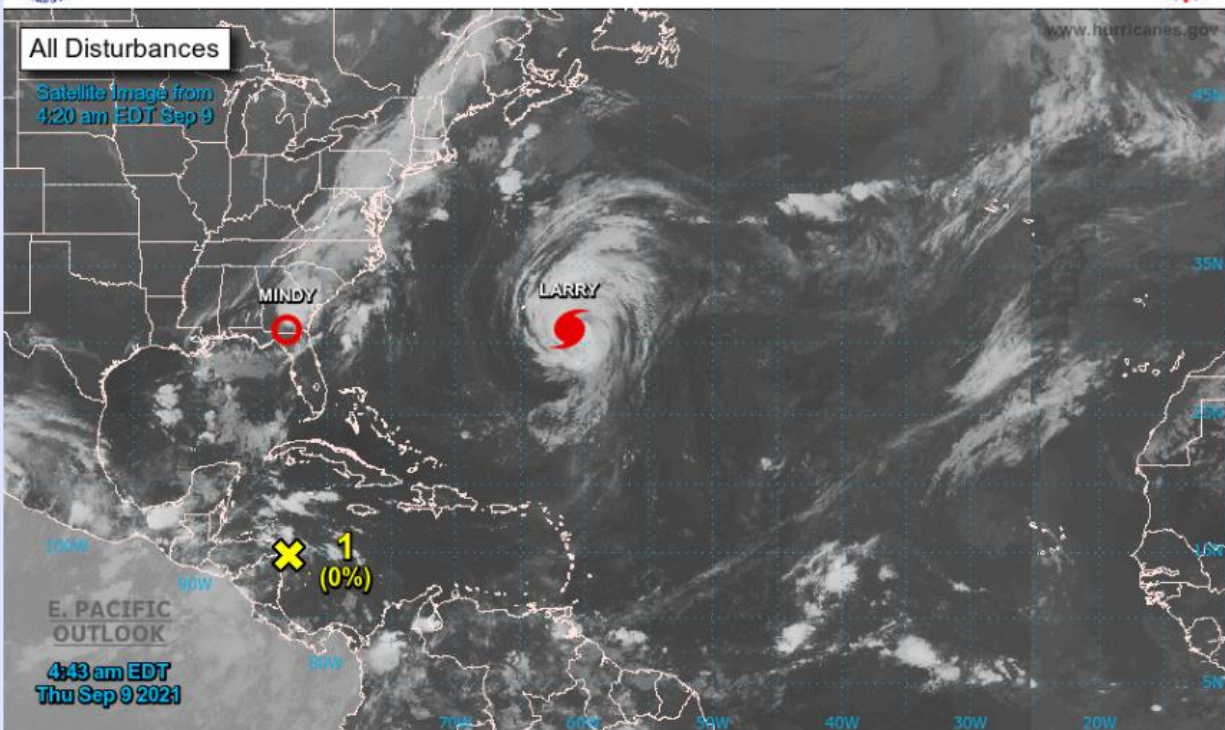
TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Disturbances: ALL [1]



Two-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



All Disturbances

Satellite Image from
4:20 am EDT Sep 9

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Current Disturbances and Two-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%
Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane
 Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

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