

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops:

- COVID-19
- Winter Storm Response – Southern Plains
- Potential weather impacts on vaccination site operations

Hazard Monitoring:

- Heavy snow possible – Central Rockies

Disaster Declaration Activity:

- Major Disaster Declaration Request - Oklahoma

Event Monitoring:

- No significant scheduled activity



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Winter Storms – Southern Plains

Situation: Over 7.6M (-2.2 M) people across Region VI are currently under boil water notices. Personnel and resources are staged to support ongoing state requests for assistance

Lifeline Impacts:

Food, Water, and Shelter:

Shelters:

- TX: Non-ARC congregate shelters open: 1 (-41) with 2 (-1,868) occupants; ARC shelters open: 1 (-1) with 80 (+20) occupants; ARC non-congregate: 2 in 1 hotel room (*Region VI Winter Weather SLB ,6:13 p.m. ET, Feb 23*)
- OK: 3 shelters open with 51 (+1) occupants (*ARC Midnight Shelter Count, 7:09 a.m. ET, Feb 24*)

Water:

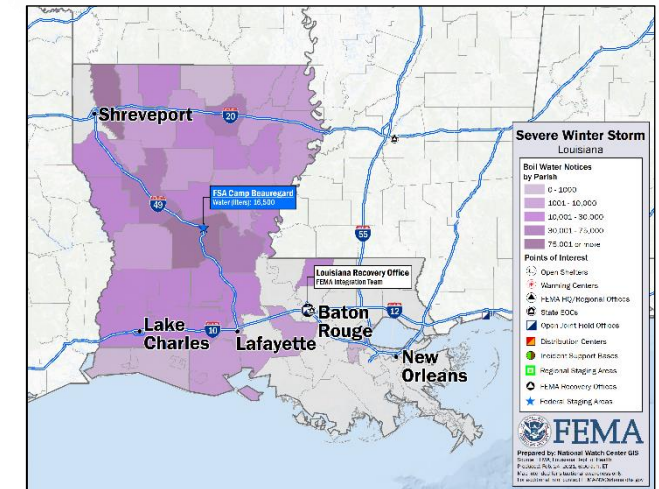
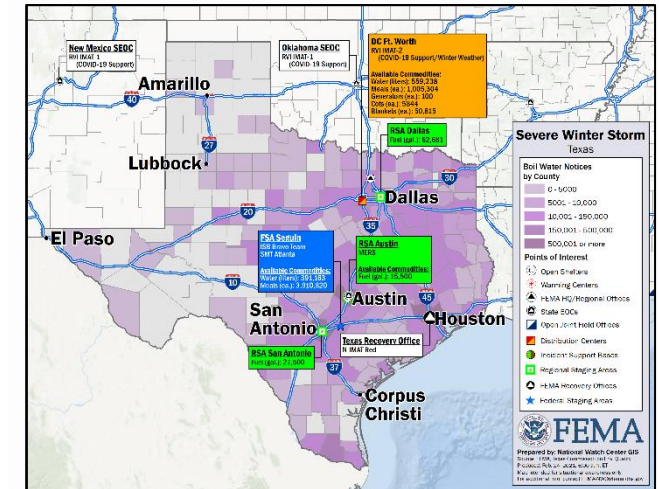
- TX: 1,335 (+76) Boil Water Advisories affecting 7.5M (-2.2M); 54 (-83) water systems are non-operational affecting 25k (-98k) people; 4 (-3) wastewater systems are non-operational
- LA: 279 (-32) Boil Water Advisories affecting 95k (-20k) people; 24 (-6) systems are non or partially operational, impacting 48k (-33k)
- OK: 77 boil water advisories
- FEMA is coordinating supplies through DoD fixed wing deliveries into multiple locations in TX; 14 missions complete, remaining water missions will go by ground

Health and Medical:

- Injuries/Fatalities: (*Region VI Awareness Report, 5:50 a.m. ET, Feb 20*)
 - TX: 107 injuries and 9 fatalities (confirmed)
 - LA: 3 fatalities (confirmed)
- RVI health care facilities impacted: 788; 130 closed, 569 partially operational, 89 TBD; 705 are in TX (115 closed, 501 partially operational, 89 TBD)

Energy:

- The energy lifeline is now stable with less than 1% out in both LA and TX



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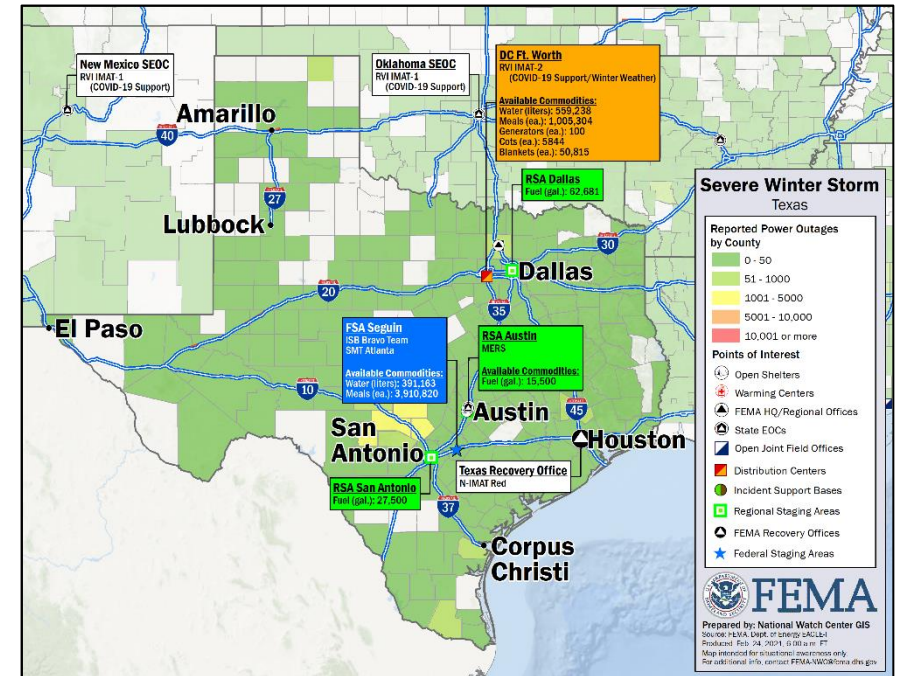
Winter Storms – Southern Plains

State / Local Response:

- LA EOC at Partial Activation (COVID, TC Laura, Zeta, Delta, & winter weather), National Guard activated
- OK EOC at Partial Activation (COVID & winter weather); Governor declared a State of Emergency; [Governor requested a Major Disaster Declaration on Feb 22](#)
- TX EOC at Partial Activation (COVID & winter weather), 24/7; Governor declared a State of Emergency, National Guard activated

FEMA / Federal Response:

- Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4586-DR-TX approved Feb 19; Amendment No. 1 adds 31 counties for Individual Assistance (already designated for emergency protective measures [Category B] under the Public Assistance program)
- Region VI RRCC at Level I, 24/7 with ESFs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, CISA, DoD and GSA (Winter Storms)
 - IMAT-1 deployed to NM & OK (COVID)
 - IMAT-2 deployed to TX (COVID)
- National IMAT-RED deployed to TX;
- USACE Type 3 Power Restoration Team [and 2 Subject Matter Experts \(SME\)](#) staged in DFW
- MERS deployed to Austin, TX
- FEMA Logistics
 - Logistics Staging Management Team (SMT) and Logistics Incident Support Base (ISB) Bravo Team [Federal Staging Area \(FSA\)](#) Seguin, TX; [ISB Dallas is operational](#)
- HHS declared a Public Health Emergency for TX due to winter weather
- NRCC at Level I (COVID); NWC is monitoring



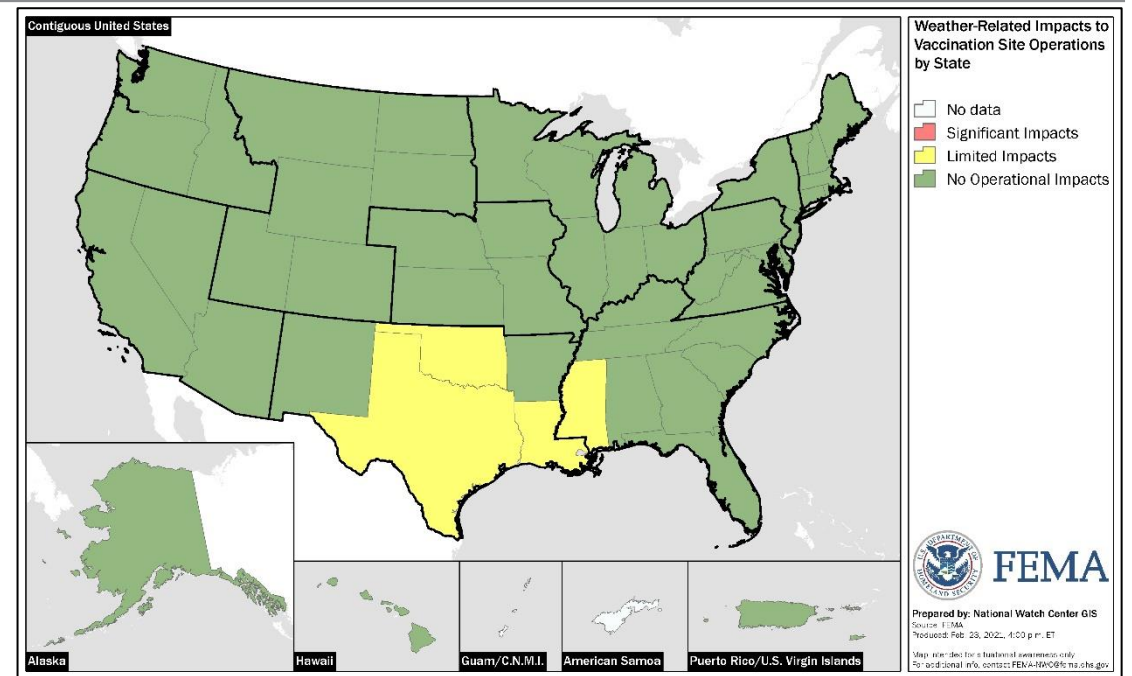
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COVID-19 Weather-Related Impacts to Vaccination Sites

Situation:

The National Watch Center, in coordination with all ten Regional Watches, is monitoring for potential weather impacts to COVID-19 vaccination sites

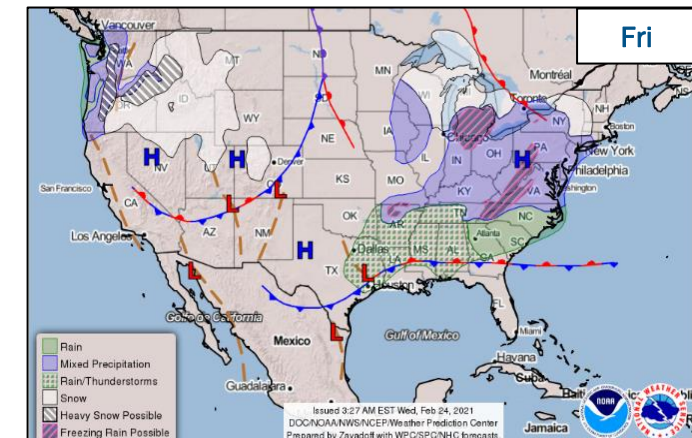
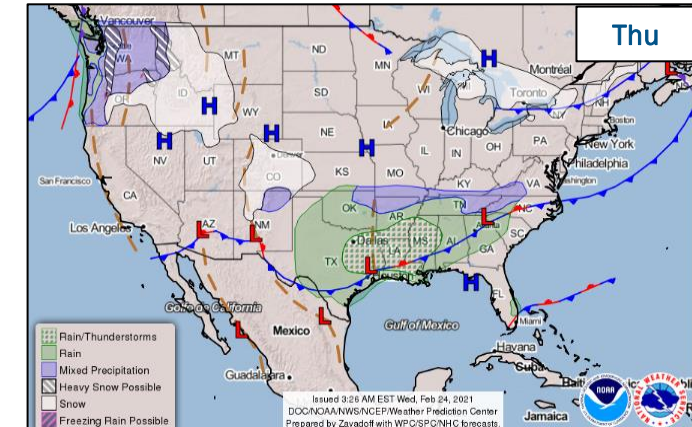
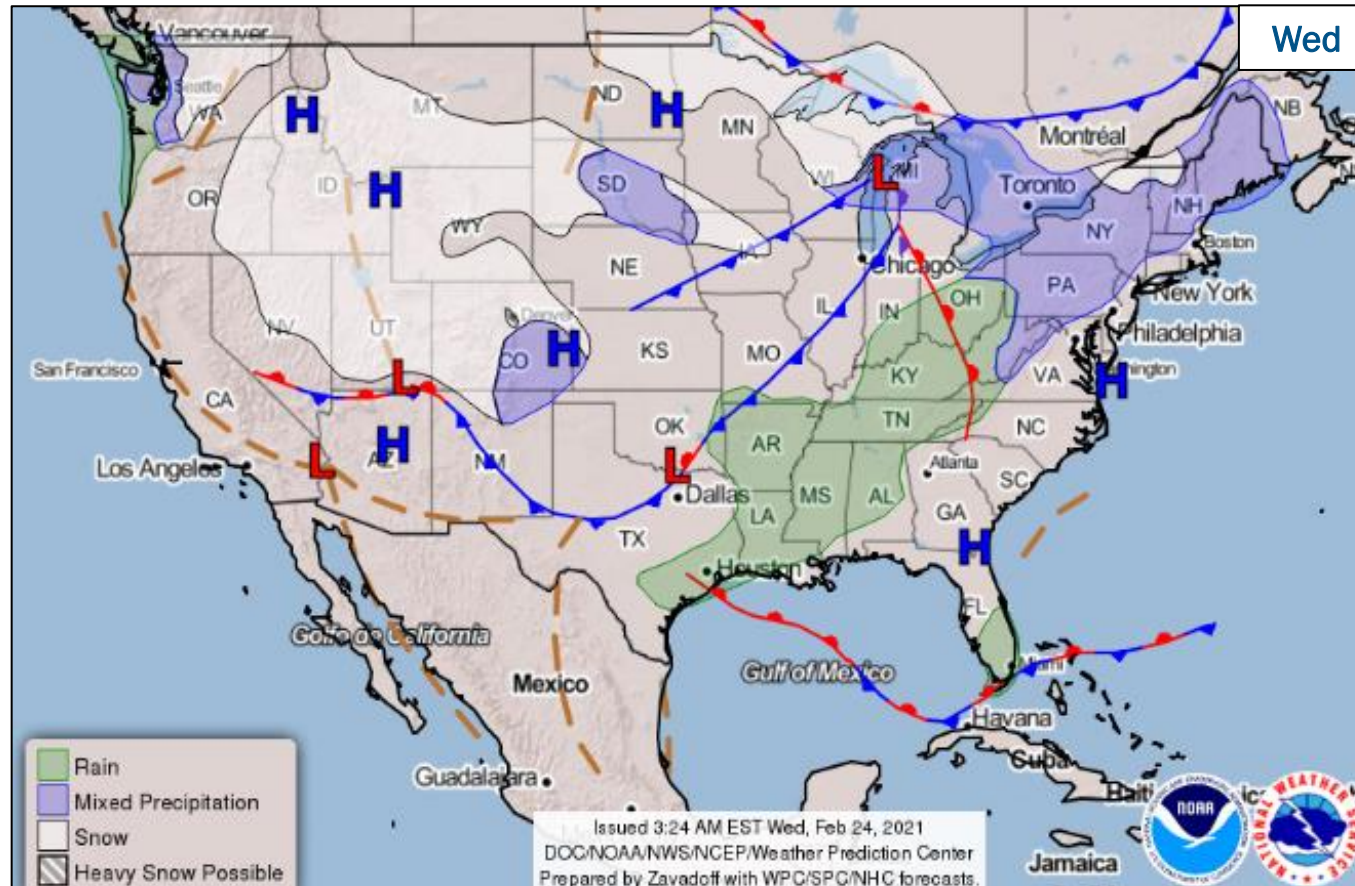
- The highlighted states have reported COVID-19 vaccination site closures due to the winter storms and will reschedule appointments once the storms have passed.
- 66 Federally Supported Community Vaccination Centers closed due to inclement weather.



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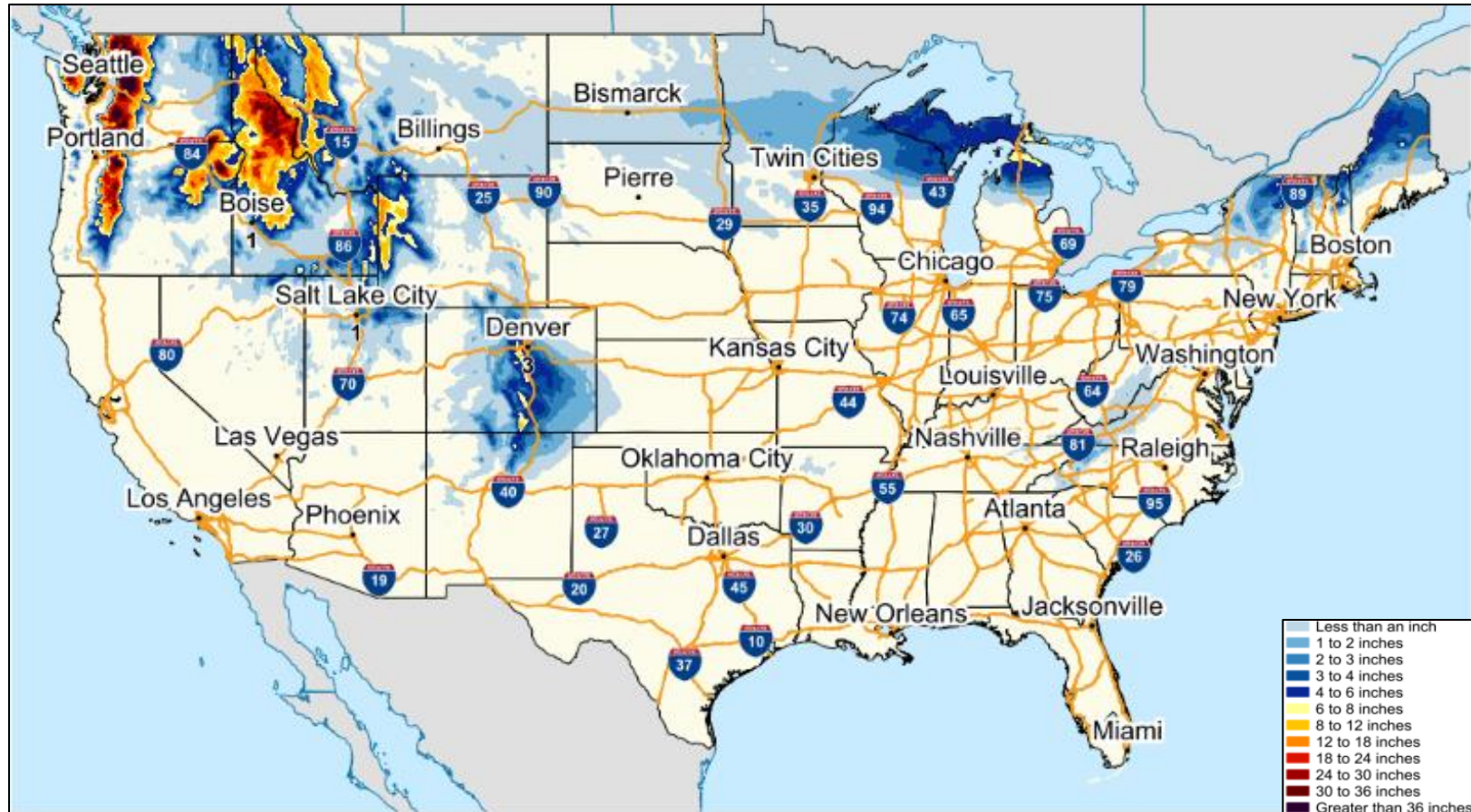
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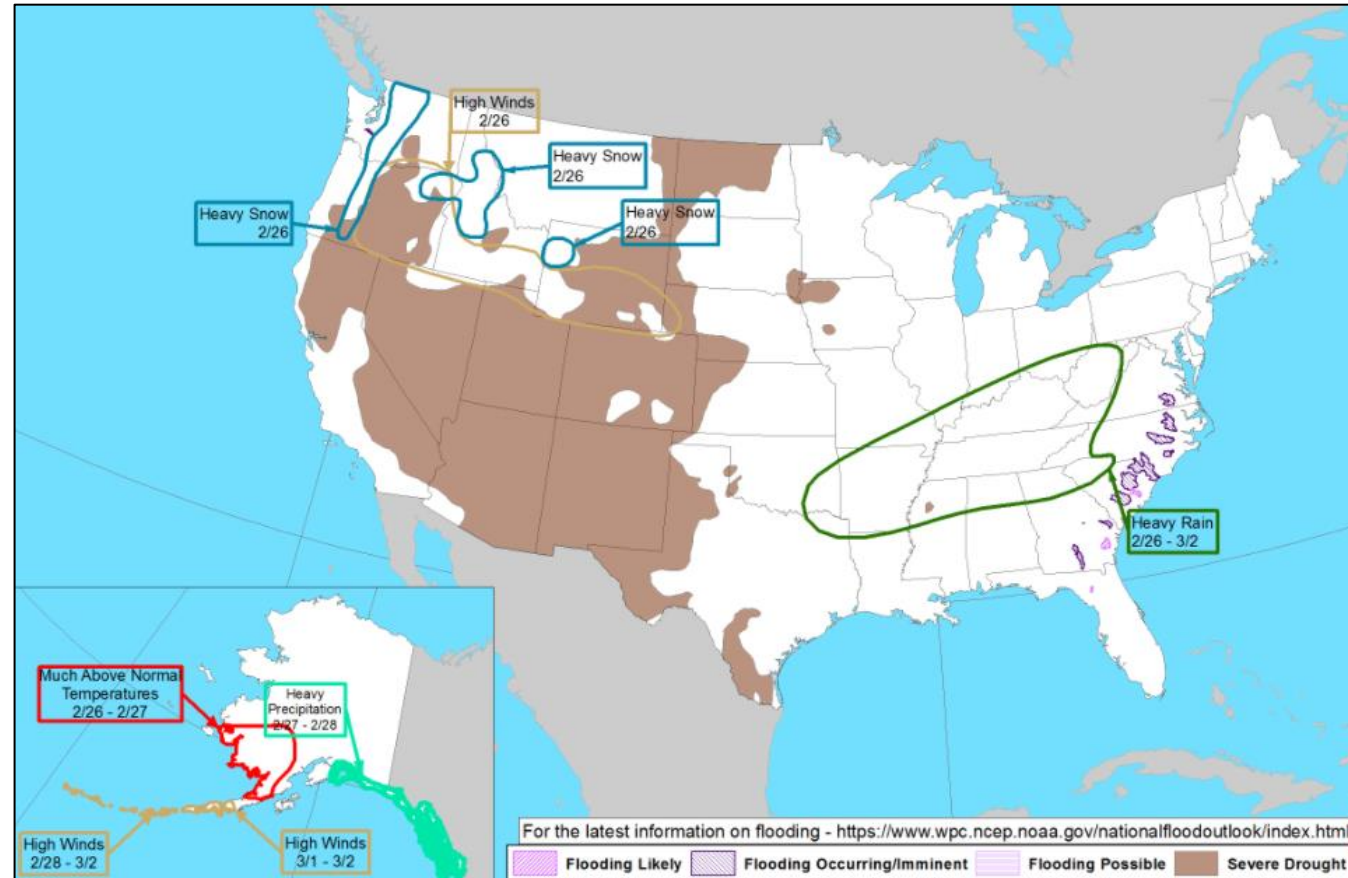
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Forecast Snowfall



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Hazards Outlook – Feb 26–Mar 2



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Declaration Request – Oklahoma

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – Oklahoma

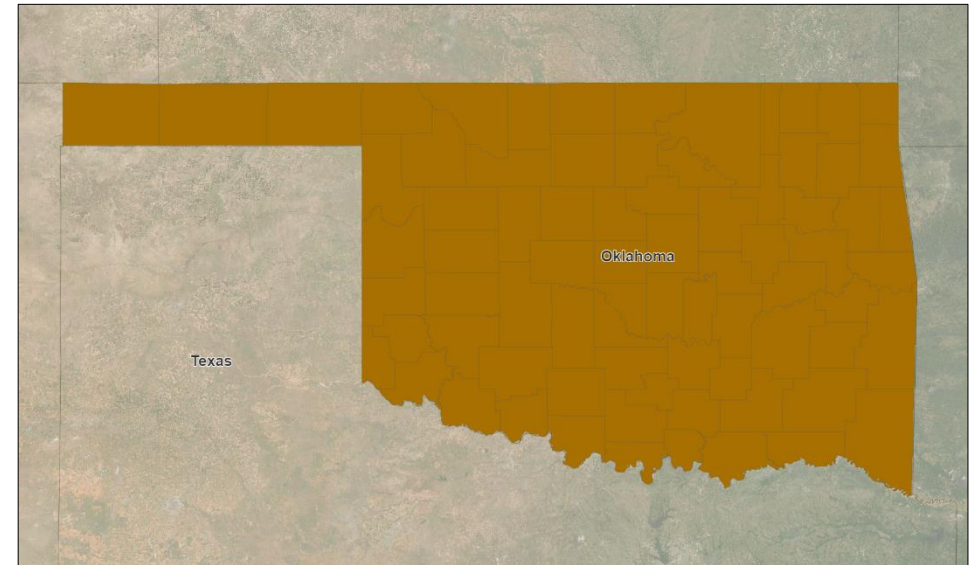
Requested: February 22, 2021

Incident: Severe Winter Storms

Incident Period: February 8-20, 2021

Requesting:

- **IA & PA:** all 77 counties (includes snow assistance)
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



■ IA & PA



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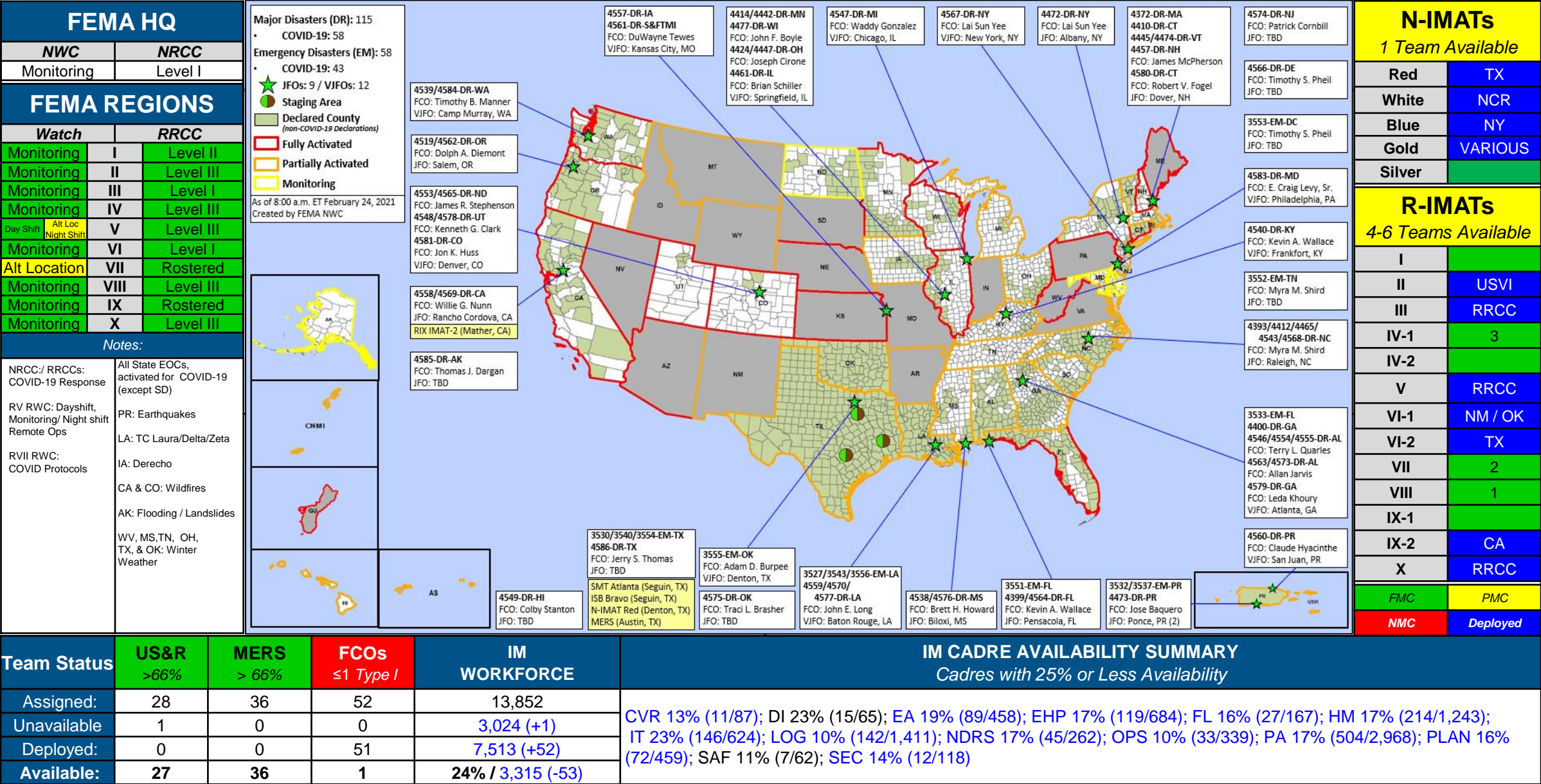
Declaration Requests in Process – 6

| State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description | Type | IA | PA | HM | Requested |
|--|------|----|----|----|-----------|
| NC – Tropical Storm Eta | DR | | X | X | 2/9 |
| VA – 59 th Presidential Inauguration (Appeal) | EM | | X | | 2/9 |
| AL – Tornado | DR | X | | X | 2/11 |
| MD – 59 th Presidential Inauguration (Appeal) | EM | | X | | 2/12 |
| ID – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds | DR | | X | X | 2/11 |
| OK – Severe Winter Storms | DR | X | X | X | 2/22 |



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