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⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 -- BROWN SKY -- INCIDENT PROBABLE ⚠
Op Epic Fury Day 168 | Hormuz Day 168 | MOU VOID 16-JUL | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | See [Section 10](#)

COMMUNICATIONS CONDITION: COMCON 4 -- INCREASED VIGILANCE
COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE. See [CYB-001](#) and [Section 10](#) for full detail.

WX-CON 3 GUARDED. See [WX-001](#) and [Section 10](#) for full detail.
Wildfire: see [WX-002 / Section 7B](#).

SWX-CON NSTR
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PREP-CON Baseline	PREP-CON 3 -- BROWN SKY COMCON 4 -- INCREASED VIGILANCE WX-CON 3 GUARDED SWX-CON NSTR
Version	SOP v5.64 Addendum Registry v2.25 (47 of 59 mandatory live-pulled this cycle; 12 not reached and declared - see Section 12) 13 of 13 gate scripts present and run - see Section 12

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14 AUGUST 2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | SWX-CON NSTR
| Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 168 | A HURRICANE WARNING is in force for Hawaii County as Tropical Storm Lala closes on the Big Island and is forecast to reach hurricane strength on approach Saturday, with a statewide emergency proclamation signed; the WPC MODERATE excessive-rainfall risk has moved off Indiana onto Iowa and Illinois, and two ADNOC tankers were struck by drones inside the Strait of Hormuz.

THE CYCLE - QUICK LOOK

- **GEO-CF-IRAN:** Washington moved from patience to declared escalation: Treasury Secretary Bessent previewed unprecedented economic-isolation measures for next week and War Secretary Hegseth said the naval blockade can run indefinitely. Tehran added release of frozen funds to its reopening conditions. See
- **NUC-001:** IAEA Blackout Day 167. No new IAEA statement or Board action; 440.9 kg of 60%-enriched UF6 remains unverified since 27-FEB-2026 and Pickaxe Mountain remains unstruck. See
- **CYB-001:** Two KEV remediation deadlines fall TODAY: CVE-2026-20349 in Cisco Secure Firewall ASA and FTD, and CVE-2026-72898 in Metabase. The catalogue is static at 1,665 on version 2026.08.11 for a third day. See
- **CYB-004:** The CISA advisories route was recovered this cycle and returned 14 ICS advisories dated 13-AUG, none of them on the water and wastewater OT campaign, which stands last confirmed 04-AUG. See

- **WX-002:** Uncontained large fires fell from 101 to 95 and the named extreme-behaviour list contracted to Little Giant alone. NPL holds at 5 of 5. Figures are the NIFC 13-AUG edition, which runs a day behind publication and is labelled as such throughout. See
- **PHS-002:** The DRC national series was re-pulled via ECDC and stands at 4,566 confirmed and 2,128 deaths on data to 11-AUG, an increase of 117 cases and 67 deaths in one reporting day. The 13-AUG product paired a case count and a death count drawn from two different reports; that is corrected here. See
- **TROP-001:** Tropical Storm Lala is 455 mi ESE of Hilo at 60 mph and forecast to reach hurricane strength as it approaches the Big Island on Saturday. A Hurricane Warning is in force for Hawaii County and a Tropical Storm Watch for Maui County. Rainfall of 8 to 12 inches is forecast for Maui and the Big Island with local maxima to 25 inches. See

SECTION INDEX

SECTION	KEY ENTRIES / THREAT DRIVERS
SEC 2 - Market Indicators	Commodity tracker: Brent \$87.18/bbl on 14-AUG, a 48-hour fall of 74 cents against the 12-AUG mark on the same Trading Economics series. WTI \$81.66/bbl, a Brent-WTI spread of \$5.52. AAA regular \$4.0776/gal, up 4.16 cents over 48 hours. EIA on-highway diesel \$5.257/gal for the week ending 10-AUG, unchanged on a weekly cadence.
SEC 3 - FLASH Events	GEO-CF-IRAN: Washington declared escalation. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told Newsmax on 13-AUG the US will apply economic isolation measures unlike any seen in the history of isolating a country, with announcements next week, combined with a continued blockade keeping anything from moving in or out of Iranian ports. War Secretary Pete Hegseth said the same day the Navy can sustain the blockade indefinitely by rotating ships. Mohsen Rezaei, appointed Supreme National Security Council secretary at the weekend, told China ambassador Cong Peiwu that Washington must end its military campaign and release frozen Iranian funds before the Strait can reopen, adding a demand for a region-wide ceasefire extending to Gaza and Lebanon. NUC-001: IAEA Blackout Day 167. No new IAEA statement or Board action; Pickaxe Mountain remains unstruck. 440.9 kg of 60%-enriched UF6 unverified for 168 days. SWX-001: SWPC noaa-scales pulled 14-AUG reads R0, S0 and G0 observed, with G0 forecast on each of the three forward days. No warning, watch or alert has been issued since 15-JUL, so no product is in force and none is reproduced. SWX-CON NSTR held. WX-001: SPC AC 140557 carries a SLIGHT risk across parts of the mid Missouri and mid Mississippi Valleys, valid 141200Z-151200Z. The tier holds and the geography moves west. The WPC Day 1 Excessive Rainfall Outlook, valid 12Z 14-AUG to 12Z 15-AUG, has moved its MODERATE RISK off Indiana onto central and southern Iowa into west-central Illinois. Indiana nonetheless still carries 61 active NWS alerts including 45 Flood Warnings. PHS-002: Ebola PHEIC Day 90. The DRC national series was re-pulled via ECDC and reads 4,566 confirmed and 2,128 deaths on data to 11-AUG, with 570 hospitalised in isolation. WHO DON 614 remains the last WHO issuance at 3,605 DRC confirmed and 1,589 deaths total to 30-JUL. The two series are never mixed.
SEC 4A - Cyber / Technology	CYB-001: the catalogue is static at 1,665 on version 2026.08.11 for a third consecutive day, so the cycle item is compliance rather than cataloguing. CVE-2026-20349 (Cisco Secure Firewall ASA/FTD, unauthenticated remote denial of service) and CVE-2026-72898 (Metabase, unauthenticated SQL injection to administrator) both fall due TODAY, 14-AUG. CVE-2026-68820 (Microsoft WinSock AFD, local privilege escalation) falls 25-AUG. The CISA advisories route was recovered and returned 14 ICS advisories dated 13-AUG.
SEC 4B - Physical / Geopolitical / IO	TROP-001 : the Central Pacific system is now named and warned. Tropical Storm Lala, CP012026 Advisory 8, is at 16.7N 148.9W, 455 mi ESE of Hilo, 60 mph, 997 mb, moving west-northwest at 10 mph. A Hurricane Warning is in force for Hawaii

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	County and a Tropical Storm Watch for Maui County, and CPHC forecasts Lala to become a hurricane as it approaches the Big Island on 15-AUG. MAR-001 : two tankers operated by Abu Dhabi National Oil Company were struck by drones on the evening of 13-AUG while transiting the Strait of Hormuz. ADNOC reports no injuries and the situation under control; UKMTO reported two vessels with minor damage; the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs blamed Iran and characterised the attacks as piracy and a flagrant violation of freedom of navigation. No update on the Minoan Pioneer since 03-AUG. PHS-002 : Ebola PHEIC Day 90. DRC national series 4,566 confirmed and 2,128 deaths to 11-AUG via ECDC; WHO 3,605 DRC confirmed and 1,589 deaths to 30-JUL. AGR-001 was not re-checked and is last confirmed 05-AUG.
SEC 5 - Energy / Infrastructure / Supply Chain	FIN-001 Brent \$87.18/bbl and WTI \$81.66/bbl on 14-AUG (Trading Economics, live pull, both ends same publisher), a Brent-WTI spread of \$5.52. Crude gained close to 5 percent across the week on declared US escalation and an IEA warning of the widest supply deficit in five years. AAA regular \$4.0776/gal, up 4.16 cents over 48 hours. EIA diesel \$5.257/gal for the week ending 10-AUG, weekly cadence. MARAD advisories blocked at HTTP 403 for a fifth consecutive cycle; no advisory figure restated. No CENTCOM vessel-redirection figure and no Kpler transit count restated.
SEC 6 - Aviation / Transportation	AVN-001 : DO NOT OPERATE AT ANY ALTITUDE in the OIIX Tehran, ORBB Baghdad, OLBB Beirut and OKAC Kuwait FIRs; the Kuwait FIR is open for arrivals and departures with overflights prohibited. Five EASA Conflict Zone Information Bulletins are Active and all expire 31-AUG-2026, covering Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman, and Jordan. AVN-002 : Hawaiian Airlines is reducing its interisland schedule from the afternoon of 14-AUG including cancellations to and from Hilo, with mainland and international services operating normally at issuance. Klamath Falls (LMT) is closed except to firefighting aircraft and life flight to 14-AUG 1300Z. No US surface, rail or transit security incident was identified this cycle.
SEC 7 - Meteorological / Severe Weather / Fire Weather + NWR	WX-001 : SPC AC 140557 SLIGHT - mid Missouri and mid Mississippi Valleys, with bowing line segments capable of severe gusts and an embedded hail threat. WPC carries a MODERATE excessive-rainfall risk over central and southern Iowa into west-central Illinois. WX-002 : the named extreme-behaviour list contracted to Little Giant (WA) alone, which continues to threaten structures and critical infrastructure with evacuations and closures in effect. Uncontained large fires fell from 101 to 95. NPL holds at 5 of 5. NWR roster rebuilt to 22 affected transmitters; no HIGH-GAP alert.
SEC 7B - Wildfire Report	WX-002 : Little Giant (WA) is the only incident NIFC names in active fire behaviour this edition. Nationally 95 uncontained large fires and 29,058 personnel, with 6,485,336 acres year to date at 154% of the ten-year average. The Northwest holds 43 of the 95. NIFC 13-AUG edition.
SEC 7A - Space Weather and EMCOMM	SWX-001 : R0, S0 and G0 observed on the 14-AUG pull, with G0 forecast on all three forward days. No SWPC warning, watch or alert since 15-JUL; nothing is in force and nothing is reproduced.
SEC 7D - Tropical / Hurricane Weather	TROPICAL STORM LALA is 455 mi ESE of Hilo under a Hurricane Warning for Hawaii County and a Tropical Storm Watch for Maui County, forecast to reach hurricane strength on approach to the Big Island on 15-AUG. This is the first warned US land threat in this series. See TROP-001.
SEC 10 - PREP-CON Assessment	PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY (Incident Probable) / COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE / WX-CON 3 GUARDED, closed at 3 on 13-AUG / SWX-CON NSTR
SEC 12 - Source Registry	Registry v2.25 638 total sources 47 of 59 mandatory live-pulled this cycle, 12 not reached and declared GATE: 13 of 13 audit scripts present and run fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr-source-registry/

GEOGRAPHIC IMPACT INDEX

REGION / THEMATIC	KEY ENTRIES / THREAT DRIVERS
CONUS - Indiana / Ohio Valley (FLASH FLOOD)	WX-001 Indiana carries 61 active NWS alerts on the 14-AUG pull, including 45 Flood Warnings, 9 Flash Flood Warnings, 5 Flood Watches and 1 Flash Flood Watch, against 283 active alerts nationally. The WPC MODERATE excessive-rainfall risk has moved off Indiana onto Iowa and Illinois, so the Indiana hazard is now recession and residual flooding rather than fresh forcing.
Hawaii / Central Pacific	TROP-001 Tropical Storm Lala, 455 mi ESE of Hilo, 60 mph, 997 mb. HURRICANE WARNING for Hawaii County, Tropical Storm Watch for Maui County. 8 to 12 inches of rain forecast for Maui and the Big Island with local maxima to 25 inches, storm surge 1 to 3 feet, and a statewide emergency proclamation in force to 27-AUG. Hawaii holds 30 active NWS alerts.
CONUS - Mid Missouri and Mid Mississippi Valleys (SLIGHT)	SPC AC 140557 places the SLIGHT tier across the mid Missouri and mid Mississippi Valleys, with a line expected to organise south of Omaha and track east across south-central Iowa and far northern Missouri into northwest Illinois. WPC overlays a MODERATE excessive-rainfall risk on the same corridor. Iowa holds 17 active alerts and Illinois 19.
CONUS - Pacific Northwest (WA / OR / N ID)	WX-002 (Section 7B): the NIFC 13-AUG edition names Little Giant (WA) alone as continuing to exhibit active fire behaviour, threatening structures and critical infrastructure with evacuations and area, road and trail closures in effect. The Northwest remains the most active area nationally, holding 43 of the 95 uncontained large fires.
CONUS - Industrial Control Systems	CYB-004 CYB-004: the CISA advisories route was recovered on 14-AUG after failing since before 06-AUG and returned 14 ICS advisories dated 13-AUG, including AVEVA Enterprise SCADA and Haiwell IoT Cloud HMI Gateway. None concerns the water and wastewater OT campaign, which stands last confirmed 04-AUG on the joint FBI, EPA and CISA advisory of 30-JUL.
CONUS - Nationwide Wildfire	WX-002 NPL 5 of 5 as of 18-JUL-2026 0730 MDT - 95 uncontained large fires, 4 new large fires and 103 new fires in the prior period; 46,636 fires and 6,485,336 acres YTD, running 125% and 154% of ten-year averages; 29,058 personnel committed nationally. NIFC 13-AUG edition.
CONUS - Nationwide (All Regions)	CYB-001 : catalogue static at 1,665 on version 2026.08.11 for a third day. CVE-2026-20349 (Cisco Secure Firewall ASA/FTD) and CVE-2026-72898 (Metabase) are both DUE TODAY, 14-AUG; CVE-2026-68820 (Microsoft WinSock AFD) due 25-AUG. CVE-2026-18577 remains an incomplete-patch follow-on to CVE-2026-18556, both deadlines elapsed CYB-003 : N-able N-central compromise - attackers register Cloudflare tunnels as Windows services for persistence, surviving reboot and route revocation CYB-001 : SharePoint/SimpleHelp/iCagenda/Balboa exploitation continues, no new campaign cluster confirmed FIN-001 : Brent \$87.18/bbl and WTI \$81.66/bbl on 14-AUG, spread \$5.52, both Trading Economics. AAA regular \$4.0776/gal on 14-AUG against \$4.0360 on 12-AUG, a 48-hour rise of 4.16 cents
Middle East / Strait of Hormuz	GEO-CF-IRAN: both capitals hardened on 13-AUG. Bessent previewed unprecedented economic-isolation measures for next week alongside a continued port blockade; Hegseth said the Navy can hold the blockade indefinitely. Rezaei, the new Supreme National Security Council secretary, added release of frozen Iranian funds and a region-wide ceasefire to Tehran conditions. No CENTCOM figure is restated this cycle.
Iran / Nuclear	NUC-001 IAEA Blackout Day 167. No new IAEA statement or Board action and no strike on a nuclear facility. Pickaxe Mountain remains unstruck.

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REGION / THEMATIC	KEY ENTRIES / THREAT DRIVERS
DRC / Uganda	PHS-002 Ebola PHEIC Day 90. DRC national series re-pulled via ECDC: 4,566 confirmed and 2,128 deaths on data to 11-AUG, 570 hospitalised, 53 of 140 health zones affected across five provinces. WHO series 3,605 DRC confirmed and 1,589 deaths total to 30-JUL. The two are never mixed.
CONUS - 15 States (foodborne)	AGR-001 Unchecked in the 13-AUG window, a third consecutive cycle without verification. The Taylor Farms cyclospora outbreak stands last confirmed 05-AUG. No state count, case count or death toll is restated. Last confirmed 05-AUG.
Strait of Hormuz / Gulf of Oman	MAR-001 Re-checked 14-AUG. Two ADNOC tankers were struck by drones on the evening of 13-AUG while transiting the Strait. ADNOC reports no injuries and the situation under control; UKMTO reported two vessels with minor damage; the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs blamed Iran and called the attacks piracy and a flagrant violation of freedom of navigation. Tehran has separately demanded compensation for Gulf pollution after oil came ashore around Qeshm Island. The Minoan Pioneer, struck 2200Z 03-AUG, has had no published status update and its missing crew member remains unaccounted for.
Space Environment	SWX-001 All three NOAA scales read zero on the 14-AUG pull: R0 none, S0 none, G0 none, with G0 forecast on each of the three forward days. SWPC has issued no warning, watch or alert since 15-JUL, so no product is in force and none is reproduced here.

SECTION 2 - MARKET INDICATORS

COMMODITY TRACKER - WAR IMPACT vs. PRE-WAR BASELINE (28 FEB 2026)

COMMODITY	PRE-WAR (28 FEB)	CURRENT (14-AUG)	CHG vs PRE-WAR	CONSUMER / ANALYTICAL NOTE
Brent Crude (front)	~\$66/bbl	\$87.18/bbl (14-AUG mark)	+32%	48-HOUR DELTA: Brent is marked at \$87.18/bbl on 14-AUG against \$87.92/bbl on 12-AUG, a 48-hour delta of MINUS 74 cents. Both ends are Trading Economics marks on the same series, so the comparison is same-publisher. The weekly direction is the opposite of the 48-hour one: crude gained close to 5 percent across the week after Washington declared fresh economic measures on Iran, and the IEA warned of the widest global supply deficit in five years.
WTI Crude (front)	~\$63/bbl	\$81.66/bbl (14-AUG)	+30%	48-HOUR DELTA: WTI is marked at \$81.66/bbl on 14-AUG against \$82.11/bbl on 13-AUG, a 24-hour delta of MINUS 45 cents. Both ends are Trading Economics marks on the same series. No 48-hour delta is computed because no 12-AUG mark on this series was held; the shorter window is stated rather than a mixed-publisher one. Brent-WTI spread \$5.52.
Gasoline (natl avg)	~\$3.10/gal	\$4.0776/gal (AAA, 14-AUG)	+32%	48-HOUR DELTA: AAA has regular at \$4.0776/gal on 14-AUG against \$4.0360 on 12-AUG, a rise of 4.16 cents. Both ends are AAA marks captured directly, so

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COMMODITY	PRE-WAR (28 FEB)	CURRENT (14-AUG)	CHG vs PRE-WAR	CONSUMER / ANALYTICAL NOTE
				the comparison is same-publisher and same-scope. The pump is now rising on every horizon AAA publishes: week-ago \$4.0422, month-ago \$3.8587, year-ago \$3.1601. The reversal first flagged on 13-AUG has extended rather than faded, and it is running against a falling 48-hour crude mark, which is the normal lag of refined product behind crude rather than a contradiction.
Diesel (US No. 2)	~\$3.74/gal	\$5.257/gal (EIA, 10-AUG)	+41%	48-HOUR DELTA: AAA daily diesel reads \$5.4265/gal on 14-AUG against \$5.3575 on 12-AUG, a rise of 6.90 cents. Both ends are AAA marks, so the comparison is same-publisher. EIA has US on-highway diesel at \$5.257/gal for the week ending 10-AUG, carried unchanged because EIA publishes weekly; the two series differ in scope and are not mixed. Diesel is rising faster than gasoline and against a falling crude mark, which matters more to freight and agricultural margins than the headline pump price.
Ocean Freight / Maritime	Rates elevated	War-risk premium 7.5-10% of hull value against a pre-war 1-3%	Worsening	The MARAD MSCI route returned HTTP 403 for a fifth consecutive cycle and no substitute publisher was found, so no advisory number and no expiry date is restated. Two ADNOC tankers were struck by drones inside the Strait on 13-AUG with minor damage and no injuries; UKMTO confirmed the incident on the wire. No CENTCOM assistance or vessel-redirection figure is restated, as none was re-verified this cycle.

SECTION 3 - FLASH EVENTS (Score >= 20)

GEO-CF-IRAN Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 168 US DECLARES UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC ISOLATION		FLASH UPDATED 27
Why This Cycle	Washington moved from stated patience to declared escalation on 13-AUG, with the Treasury previewing unprecedented economic-isolation measures and the War Department saying the blockade can run indefinitely.	
Summary	Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told Newsmax on 13-AUG that the United States will apply measures unlike any seen in the history of economically isolating a country, with further announcements next week, describing the package as economic isolation combined with a continued blockade preventing anything moving in or out of Iranian ports. War Secretary Pete Hegseth, speaking to reporters in Panama the same day, said the Navy can maintain the blockade indefinitely by rotating ships in and out. Mohsen Rezaei, appointed Supreme National Security Council secretary at the weekend, told Chinese ambassador Cong Peiwu that the Strait will not reopen until Washington changes its behaviour, ends its military campaign and releases Iranian funds frozen abroad, adding a demand for a region-wide ceasefire extending to Gaza and Lebanon. On the evening of 13-AUG two tankers operated by Abu Dhabi National	

	Oil Company were struck by drones while transiting the Strait; ADNOC reports no injuries and the situation under control, UKMTO reported two vessels with minor damage, and the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs blamed Iran and called the attacks piracy. The terms are disputed between the parties describing them. Axios and CBS sources describe a 60-day arrangement with inbound traffic through Iranian waters, outbound through Omani waters, no tolls or fees, and mine clearance of the median lane within 30 days. Two regional officials briefing AP said service fees would be charged for security and environmental protection. On 06-AUG Behnam Saeedi, first secretary of the Iranian parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, said the talks are in no way about reopening the Strait, that transiting vessels would need permission, could not be military, and would pay service fees. IRNA on 06-AUG framed the mechanism as a new security model replacing sixty years of passage at will, not a reopening. Sustainment has become a public issue. The munitions-consumption reporting of early August is not re-verified in this window and is neither restated as fact nor withdrawn; it stands last confirmed 06-AUG. What is new is the declared instrument: Washington has named economic isolation rather than munitions as the lever it intends to pull next. Blockade accounting. No CENTCOM vessel-redirection figure is restated; none was re-verified this cycle
SALUTE	SIZE: Two ADNOC tankers struck by drones inside the Strait on the evening of 13-AUG, minor damage, no casualties. No US strike activity inside Iran was re-verified this cycle and no consecutive-night count is restated. The declared US instrument for the coming week is economic rather than kinetic. ACTIVITY: Re-checked 14-AUG via wire. Bessent announced a forthcoming tranche of unprecedented economic-isolation measures; Hegseth declared the blockade indefinitely sustainable; Rezaei added release of frozen funds and a region-wide ceasefire to Tehran conditions; two ADNOC tankers were struck by drones inside the Strait. OFAC published a Specially Designated Nationals action in the Federal Register on 14-AUG, but the notice carries no named party in its abstract and the substantive tranche is signalled for next week. LOCATION: Strait of Hormuz, closed to normal traffic on Day 168; route coordinates agreed between Tehran and Muscat per 05-AUG reporting, not re-verified since. Iranian ports under continued US naval blockade. Qeshm Island, Iran: oil residue ashore, source not independently determined. Gulf of Oman: a tanker spill off the Omani coast is assessed by Greenpeace at roughly 500 square miles. TIME: Bessent remarks broadcast 13-AUG; Hegseth remarks 13-AUG in Panama City; Rezaei remarks reported 13-AUG; ADNOC tanker strikes on the evening of 13-AUG with UAE attribution issued 14-AUG. Strait closed to normal traffic on Day 168. No CENTCOM blockade figure and no strike-pause night count are stated; neither was re-verified. EQUIPMENT: US: naval blockade of Iranian ports, sustained by ship rotation; Treasury sanctions authorities. Iran: one-way attack drones employed against commercial tankers inside the Strait; transit permission control asserted over both corridors; mine clearance of the median lane remains a term of a draft rather than a completed act. UNIT: As of 14-AUG: US Department of the Treasury (Bessent); US War Department (Hegseth); Iranian Supreme National Security Council (Rezaei); UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Abu Dhabi National Oil Company; UKMTO; Omani mediation channel.
Analyst Assessment	Both sides moved away from the negotiating table on the same day, and in the same direction. Washington named a coercion instrument with a date attached; Tehran named a new precondition, the release of frozen funds, that no transit arrangement can deliver. The drone strikes on two ADNOC tankers matter less as damage than as timing: they arrived hours after Hegseth said the blockade could run indefinitely, which reads as a demonstration that Iran can impose cost inside the Strait for as long as Washington can sit outside it. Crude gained close to 5 percent on the week, so the market is pricing the standoff as longer rather than closer to resolution. LIKELIHOOD: unlikely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. Renewed US strikes inside Iran before the next cycle - Washington has explicitly named economic isolation as the next instrument and has scheduled it for next week, which argues against kinetic action in the interim, but two

	tankers were struck on 13-AUG and the US has said it would respond to attacks on civilian shipping. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. LIKELIHOOD: very unlikely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. A joint Iran-Oman statement is published before the next cycle - Tehran has now added release of frozen funds and a region-wide ceasefire to its conditions, which moves the terms further from any shipping-only instrument. CONFIDENCE: LOW.	
ALT HYP	ALT A: The arrangement reopens the Strait to normal commercial transit within the 60-day term [unlikely]	
	SUPPORT	Route coordinates were agreed between Tehran and Muscat in early August and the Omani channel has not been publicly closed by either party. No strike-pause night count and no CENTCOM vessel-assistance figure are restated; neither was re-verified in this window.
	DISCONFIRM	Rezaei has added release of frozen funds and a region-wide ceasefire to the conditions; two tankers were attacked inside the Strait on 13-AUG; Washington has scheduled further economic measures rather than concessions; the fee question is unreconciled and mines in the median lane are uncleared.
	CURRENT STATUS	Coordinates agreed, conditions widened, no signature, and commercial traffic still under attack. Assessed unlikely, confidence MODERATE.
	ALT B: Iran is converting the Strait into a permanent permission-based regime under cover of an interim deal [likely]	
	SUPPORT	IRNA describes a new security model replacing sixty years of passage at will; Saeedi describes permission, exclusion of military vessels and service fees; the draft gives Iran coordination rights over outbound traffic in Omani waters, which it did not hold before February.
	DISCONFIRM	The arrangement is time-limited to 60 days with a permanent regime to be negotiated separately between Oman and Iran; no tolls are in the reported draft; Iran has an economic interest in traffic resuming.
	CURRENT STATUS	Every Iranian description of the mechanism this cycle is narrower than the Western description of it. Assessed likely, confidence MODERATE.
SOURCES	CNN live coverage 13-AUG and CNBC 14-AUG for the Bessent remarks; wire reporting of 13-AUG for the Hegseth remarks and the Rezaei conditions; Associated Press 14-AUG for the ADNOC tanker strikes, the UAE attribution and the UKMTO confirmation; Trading Economics 14-AUG live pull for the crude marks and the IEA deficit warning; Federal Register OFAC notice published 14-AUG. CENTCOM returned HTTP 403 and UKMTO HTTP 404, so both were taken from the wire and are labelled as such	

NUC-001 IAEA BLACKOUT DAY 167, ANCHOR DATE VERIFIED THIS CYCLE		WATCH NO DELTA 24
Why This Cycle	No IAEA statement, Board action or inspector access. The file is unchanged	
Summary	The blackout stands at Day 167, from 01-MAR-2026. The IAEA has lost continuity of knowledge across all declared Iranian nuclear facilities, covering centrifuge production, rotors and bellows, heavy water and uranium ore concentrate. No inspector has had access to any facility, struck or intact, since 28-FEB-2026. The iaea.org live pull returned HTTP 403; no new IAEA statement or Board action was identified	

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SALUTE	SIZE/TIME: 440.9 kg of 60%-enriched UF6, last IAEA-verified 27-FEB-2026 in GOV/2026/8 and unverified for 168 days, sufficient for roughly ten weapons if further enriched to 90%. Pickaxe Mountain has never been inspected and was not struck in the 29-30 JUL wave.												
Analyst Assessment	The blackout remains the longest-running unresolved element of the conflict and it is still outside the negotiating frame rather than inside it. Washington has scheduled an economic tranche rather than a nuclear discussion, which pushes the file further out again. Nothing in the Hormuz track creates a mechanism for restoring access, so the file moves only if a nuclear negotiation opens separately. The munitions reporting is the material change this cycle: the threat of renewed strikes is what has kept the nuclear question live, and that threat's sustainability is now publicly contested. Nothing in the window moved the physical situation at any facility.												
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Why This Cycle	The catalogue is static at 1,665 on version 2026.08.11 for a third consecutive day, so the cycle item is compliance rather than cataloguing: two deadlines fall due today.	
Summary	CVE-2026-18577 is an authentication bypass in the N-able N-central remote monitoring and management platform and is an incomplete patch for CVE-2026-18556, catalogued the day after. Both deadlines have elapsed, so the pairing is a compliance finding rather than a forward task, but the exposure persists for any operator who applied only the first fix. The KEV catalogue stands at 1,665 entries on version 2026.08.11, released 11-AUG 1859Z and pulled directly this cycle. No entry has been added since 11-AUG, a three-day pause. CVE-2026-20349 and CVE-2026-72898 both fall due TODAY, 14-AUG. CISA BOD 26-04 remains the governing required-action framework.	
SALUTE	SIZE/TIME: SIZE/TIME: Catalogue total 1,665 on version 2026.08.11, released 11-AUG 1859Z, unchanged on the 14-AUG direct pull. No addition has been made in three days reported last	

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Analyst Assessment	The deadline is today, which converts a cataloguing note into an operational one. CVE-2026-20349 and CVE-2026-72898 were given three-day remediation windows against the 21-day norm, and that window closes at end of day. The Cisco item is the one to action first: it is unauthenticated, remote, and targets a perimeter security appliance, so the failure mode is that the device protecting the network becomes the means of taking it down. The Metabase flaw is unauthenticated to administrator on an analytics platform that typically holds broad database credentials, which makes it a lateral-movement problem rather than a single-application one. The incomplete-patch chain from last cycle stands: CVE-2026-18577 exists because the fix for CVE-2026-18556 did not work, and an administrator who patched once against the first advisory remains exposed to account takeover.																
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SECTION 4A - CYBER & INFORMATION SECURITY

CYB-004 -- IRAN-LINKED WATER AND WASTEWATER OT CAMPAIGN, NO NEW CISA PRODUCT. CISA published fourteen ICS advisories dated 13-AUG. Two touch the sector indirectly, AVEVA Enterprise SCADA

and Haiwell IoT Cloud HMI Gateway, and neither concerns the Iran-linked water and wastewater OT campaign. No figure from the 06-AUG entry is restated - not the state count, not the affected-system totals, not the named utilities. The campaign stands last confirmed 04-AUG on the joint FBI, EPA and CISA advisory of 30-JUL as expanded. It re-opens on a new CISA, FBI or EPA product naming the campaign.

CYB-003 -- N-ABLE DOWNSTREAM MANAGED-ENDPOINT EXPOSURE. The operational significance of CVE-2026-18577 is not the RMM server but what sits behind it. A compromised N-central instance gives an attacker the vendor's own Take Control channel into every managed customer endpoint, which is a supply-chain position rather than a single-target one. The indicator detail carried in prior cycles - published attacker IP addresses and their attribution to commercial VPN exit nodes - was not re-verified against a vendor advisory this cycle and is not restated. What is confirmed and current is the deadline structure: CVE-2026-18577 falls due 06-AUG and its incomplete-patch predecessor CVE-2026-18556 on 07-AUG, so an administrator clearing the list in date order remediates the successor first. Organisations running N-central should treat every managed endpoint as in scope until the hotfix is confirmed applied and the Cloudflared persistence service is cleared.

SECTION 4B - PHYSICAL / GEOPOLITICAL / IO

TROP-001 | TROPICAL | TROPICAL STORM LALA | HURRICANE WARNING, HAWAII COUNTY

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Why This Cycle	The system named on 13-AUG as Tropical Storm Lala now carries a Hurricane Warning for Hawaii County, and the state has signed an emergency proclamation. A watch has become a warning inside one cycle.
Summary	Tropical Storm Lala (CP012026, WTPA32 PHFO 140832, Advisory 8, 1100 PM HST 13-AUG / 0900 UTC 14-AUG): 16.7N 148.9W, 455 miles east-southeast of Hilo and 670 miles east-southeast of Honolulu, moving west-northwest at 10 mph, maximum sustained winds 60 mph, minimum central pressure 997 mb measured by Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter aircraft. Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 275 miles from the centre. A HURRICANE WARNING is in effect for Hawaii County and a TROPICAL STORM WATCH for Maui County, including Maui, Lanai, Molokai and Kahoolawe. CPHC forecasts steady strengthening and states Lala is expected to become a hurricane as it approaches the Big Island, with hurricane conditions expected there by early Saturday and tropical storm conditions possible in Maui County by late Saturday. Forecast rainfall is 8 to 12 inches across Maui and the Big Island with maximum totals to 25 inches on the Big Island, and 4 to 6 inches with maxima to 8 inches across the remainder of the chain, which CPHC states may produce life-threatening flooding and mudslides in steep terrain. Storm surge of 1 to 3 feet above ground is forecast for Hawaii. Governor Josh Green signed a statewide emergency proclamation on 13-AUG, in effect through 27-AUG unless terminated or superseded, activating the Major Disaster Fund and authorising activation of the Hawaii National Guard. Hawaii County opens community shelters at 1800 local on 14-AUG. Hawaii Volcanoes National Park closes most areas from noon on 14-AUG. Hawaiian Airlines is reducing its interisland schedule from the afternoon of 14-AUG including cancellations to and from Hilo, with mainland and international services operating normally at issuance. Big Island public schools hold normal hours on 14-AUG with evening and weekend activities cancelled. There is no active Atlantic tropical cyclone on the 14-AUG NHC pull.
SALUTE	SIZE/TIME: SIZE: One named system with a US land warning - Tropical Storm Lala, 60 mph, 997 mb, tropical-storm-force wind field 275 miles in radius. ACTIVITY: forecast to strengthen to a Category 1 hurricane on approach to the Big Island on 15-AUG, slowing in forward speed before accelerating later in the weekend. LOCATION: 16.7N 148.9W, 455 miles east-southeast of Hilo; warning area Hawaii County, watch area Maui County. UNIT: CPHC Honolulu, advisories issued by NHC Miami; Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Hawaii County Civil Defense. TIME: Advisory 8 issued 140832Z; hurricane conditions expected on the Big Island by

	early 15-AUG. EQUIPMENT: Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter reconnaissance in the system; Hawaii National Guard authorised but not activated at this cutoff.												
SOURCES	CPHC Tropical Storm Lala Public Advisory 8, WTPA32 PHFO 140832, and Forecast Advisory 8, WTPA22 PHFO 140832, direct pulls this cycle CPHC Tropical Weather Outlook ACPN50 PHFO 140530 NHC Atlantic and East Pacific feeds, direct pulls this cycle NWS active alerts API 14-AUG Office of the Governor of Hawaii emergency proclamation 13-AUG via wire												
Analyst Assessment	CORRECTION TO THE 13-AUG ASSESSMENT: a US watch or warning for the islands was assessed unlikely before this cycle. A Hurricane Warning is now in force. CPHC issues a Hurricane Warning roughly 36 hours ahead of first tropical-storm-force winds, so warning timing runs on lead time rather than on distance. The operational hazard on the Big Island is water rather than wind. A 25-inch local maximum on terrain that steep is a debris-flow and road-severance problem, not a roofing one, and the surge forecast of 1 to 3 feet is small enough that coastal readers may under-weight the rainfall figure sitting beside it. Interisland aviation is already degrading while mainland service is not, so the practical constraint on 15-AUG is movement between islands rather than into the state.												
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accepted responsibility. The ukmt.org incidents page returned HTTP 404 on the live pull for a third consecutive cycle, so the UKMTO statement is taken from the wire and no advisory or incident count is stated. There is still no update on the Minoan Pioneer or its missing crew member since 03-AUG.

SECTION 5 - ENERGY / INFRASTRUCTURE / SUPPLY CHAIN

ENERGY / INFRASTRUCTURE MONITORS - 14 AUGUST 2026

ENR-001 OIL / ENERGY PRICES: Brent is marked at \$87.18/bbl and WTI at \$81.66/bbl on 14-AUG, both Trading Economics live pulls on the same series, a Brent-WTI spread of \$5.52. Brent has fallen 74 cents over 48 hours while gaining close to 5 percent across the week, the two directions reflecting a market that sold the day and bought the standoff. The IEA has warned of the widest global supply deficit in five years. AAA has the national average for regular at \$4.0776/gal on 14-AUG, up 4.16 cents over 48 hours, with daily diesel at \$5.4265/gal. US Strategic Petroleum Reserve crude remains below 300 million barrels, the lowest level since 1983.

ENR-003 -- GRID / MIDWEST DERECHO RESTORATION, FEED STALE, ENTRY CLOSING: The AEP Ohio Kubra endpoint returned HTTP 200 on the 14-AUG pull but served a payload timestamped 13-AUG 1151Z with the storm centre in normal-operations mode, so it is a stale snapshot behind a healthy status code rather than a current reading, and the storm centre is in normal-operations mode. No customer-outage figure is restated. The return to normal mode is the finding, and this entry closes unless a fresh feed shows re-escalation. PowerOutage.us returned HTTP 403 for a fourth consecutive cycle and usoutage.com remains disqualified for customer counts because its OUT column reports outage incidents rather than customers. ENTRY DISPOSITION: the 11-AUG derecho and its restoration are CLOSED as a tracked thread. The casualty and outage figures published on 12-AUG and 13-AUG are not restated, because no source was re-verified this cycle. Re-opens on a utility feed showing event mode or a fresh outage count above 50,000 customers in the Ohio Valley. The residual Indiana flood warnings are carried in WX-001, not here. Historical detail from the 11-AUG to 13-AUG cycles is not repeated.

MAR-001 MARITIME SUPPLY CHAIN: Two tankers operated by Abu Dhabi National Oil Company were struck by drones on the evening of 13-AUG while transiting the Strait of Hormuz, with minor damage and no injuries. The UAE attributes the attacks to Iran. ADNOC reports 16 vessels struck since February, one seafarer killed and 20 injured. No Kpler Hormuz or Bab el-Mandeb transit count is restated: at least three incompatible Kpler-derived series remain in circulation and R-5 forbids building a trend across them. No CENTCOM vessel-redirection figure is restated either, as none was re-verified this cycle.

SECTION 6 - AVIATION / TRANSPORTATION

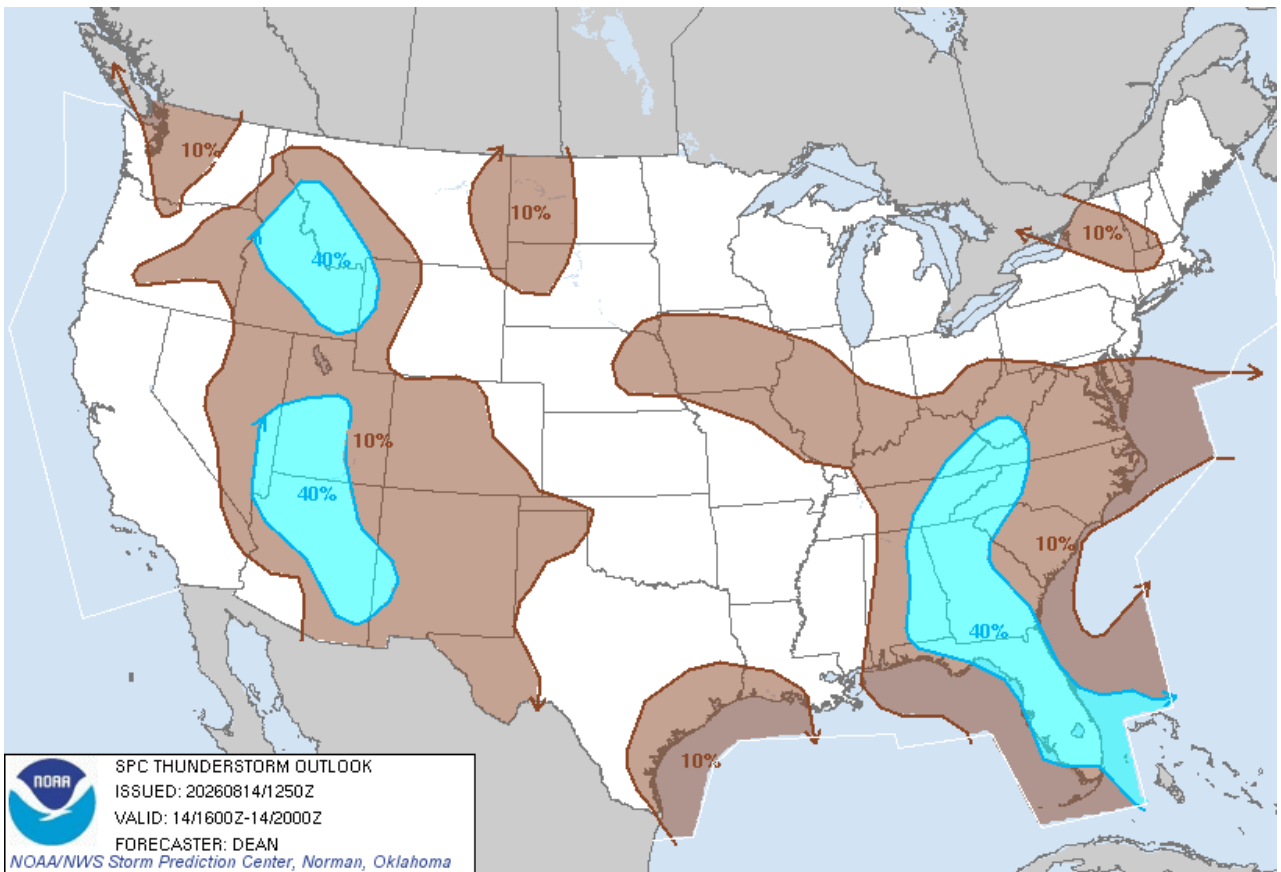
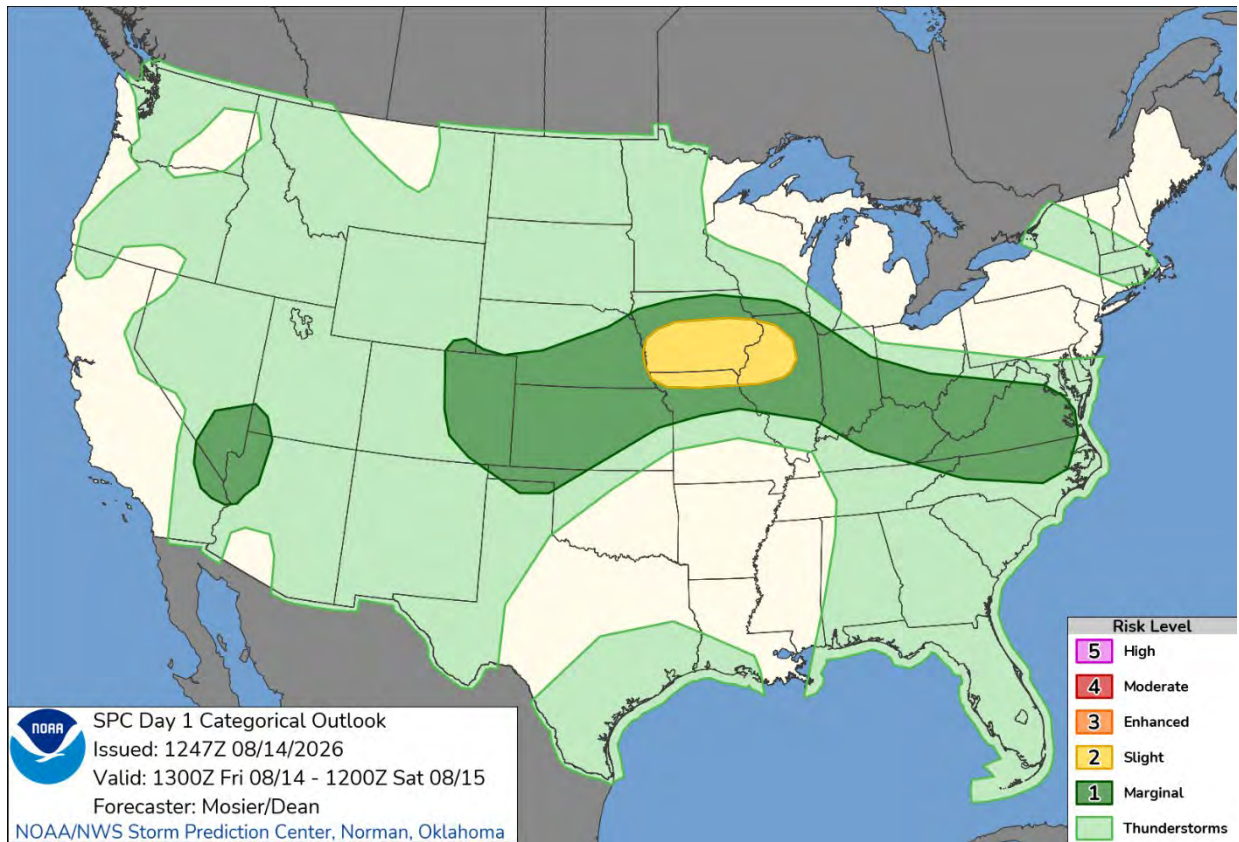
AVIATION / TRANSPORTATION MONITORS - 14 AUGUST 2026

AVN-001 MIDDLE EAST / HORMUZ AIRSPACE: DO NOT OPERATE AT ANY ALTITUDE: OIIX Tehran FIR, ORBB Baghdad FIR, OLBB Beirut FIR, OKAC Kuwait FIR. The Kuwait FIR is open for arrivals and departures; overflights are prohibited. Five EASA Conflict Zone Information Bulletins are Active and all expire 31-AUG-2026: CZIB-2026-04 Iran, CZIB-2026-05 Iraq and CZIB-2026-06 Lebanon, issued 08-JUL; CZIB-2026-07R1 Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman, issued 14-JUL and revised 22-JUL; CZIB-2026-08 Jordan, issued 22-JUL. GNSS interference across Gulf FIRs is a standing condition. Sources: EASA CZIB index, direct pull 14-AUG; SafeAirspace country pages for the recommendation wording.

AVN-002 SURFACE / RAIL / TRANSIT: Hawaiian Airlines is reducing its interisland schedule from the afternoon of 14-AUG including cancellations to and from Hilo, with mainland and international services operating normally at issuance; readers with Hawaii itineraries this weekend should expect interisland disruption rather than gateway disruption. The FAA airport status feed carries Klamath Falls (LMT) closed except to firefighting aircraft and life flight to 14-AUG 1300Z, and no Hawaii airport closure is yet posted. No US surface, rail or transit security incident was identified this cycle. Wildfire-driven road, area and trail closures remain in effect across Oregon

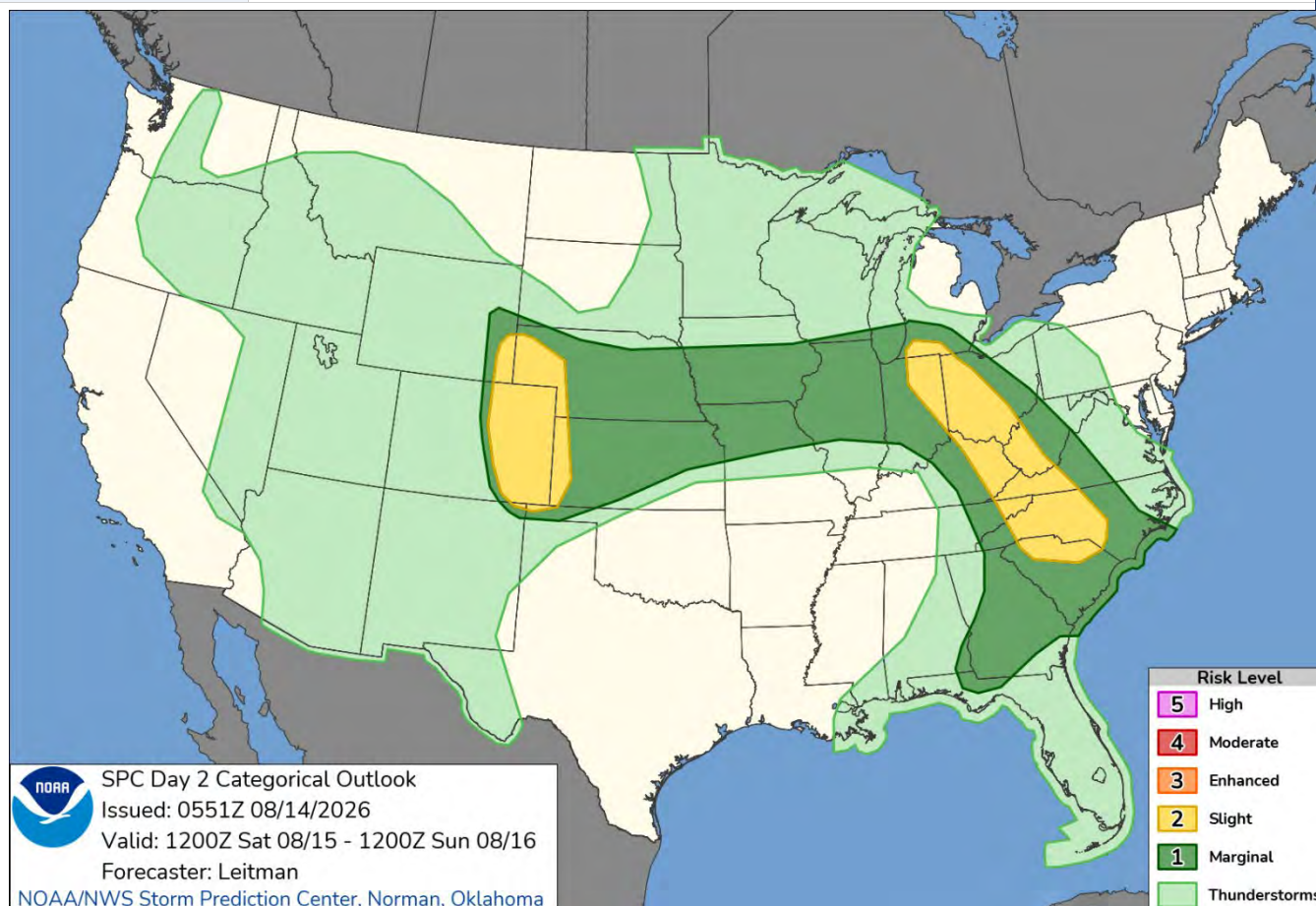
SECTION 7 - METEOROLOGICAL WEATHER / SEVERE WEATHER / FIRE WEATHER

WX-001 SLIGHT RISK HOLDS, MODERATE RAINFALL RISK SHIFTS TO IOWA AND ILLINOIS		FLASH ACTIVE 20
Summary	The tier held and the map moved. SPC keeps SLIGHT but relocates it from Iowa-Illinois to the mid Missouri and mid Mississippi Valleys, and WPC has moved its MODERATE excessive-rainfall risk off Indiana onto central and southern Iowa into west-central Illinois. Indiana still carries 61 active alerts including 45 Flood Warnings with the Ohio Valley flood threat forecast through early Friday. See ENR-003 for the grid and casualty picture.	
SPC Day 1 Convective Outlook	SPC Day 1 Convective Outlook, SPC AC 140557, 1257 AM CDT Fri Aug 14 2026, valid 141200Z-151200Z. SLIGHT RISK of severe thunderstorms across parts of the mid Missouri and mid Mississippi Valleys. A quasi-stationary front from southern Iowa east-southeastward into north-central Illinois is the focus; surface dewpoints in the 70s F support MLCAPE of 2,000 to 3,500 J/kg with 0-6 km shear of 30 to 35 knots, favourable for bowing line segments capable of severe gusts with an embedded supercell hail threat. Initiation is expected south of Omaha in the late afternoon, organising into a line that moves east across south-central Iowa and far northern Missouri and into northwest and north-central Illinois during the evening. Isolated severe gusts and hail are also possible in the central High Plains, and isolated severe wet downbursts from the Ohio Valley to the Mid-Atlantic where precipitable water runs 2 to 2.2 inches. Forecasters Broyles and Lyons. This is the central and northern High Plains, with damaging gusts and isolated hail also possible across the Midwest and Ohio Valley. SPC notes one or more MCSs migrating through enhanced northwesterly flow aloft amid a very moist and unstable airmass is possible again today across the Midwest toward Tennessee. LIVE HAZARD PICTURE, api.weather.gov active alerts pulled 12-AUG 1200Z: Indiana carries 30 active alerts including 10 Flash Flood Warnings, 6 Flood Warnings, 6 Flood Advisories and 5 Flood Watches across Dearborn, Ohio, Switzerland, Delaware, Henry, Randolph, Franklin, Ripley, Decatur, Rush, Fayette, Union, Wayne, Fountain, Parke, Tippecanoe, Vermillion and Warren counties, extending into Carroll and Gallatin counties in Kentucky and Hamilton County in Ohio. Illinois carries 12 alerts including 3 Severe Thunderstorm Watches, 2 Severe Thunderstorm Warnings over Rock Island and Henry counties and adjacent Iowa, 4 Heat Advisories and 2 Extreme Heat Warnings.	



**SPC Day 2
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SPC Day 2 and Day 3 Convective Outlooks: not re-pulled in this window. Both tiers are withheld rather than restated from a prior issuance.

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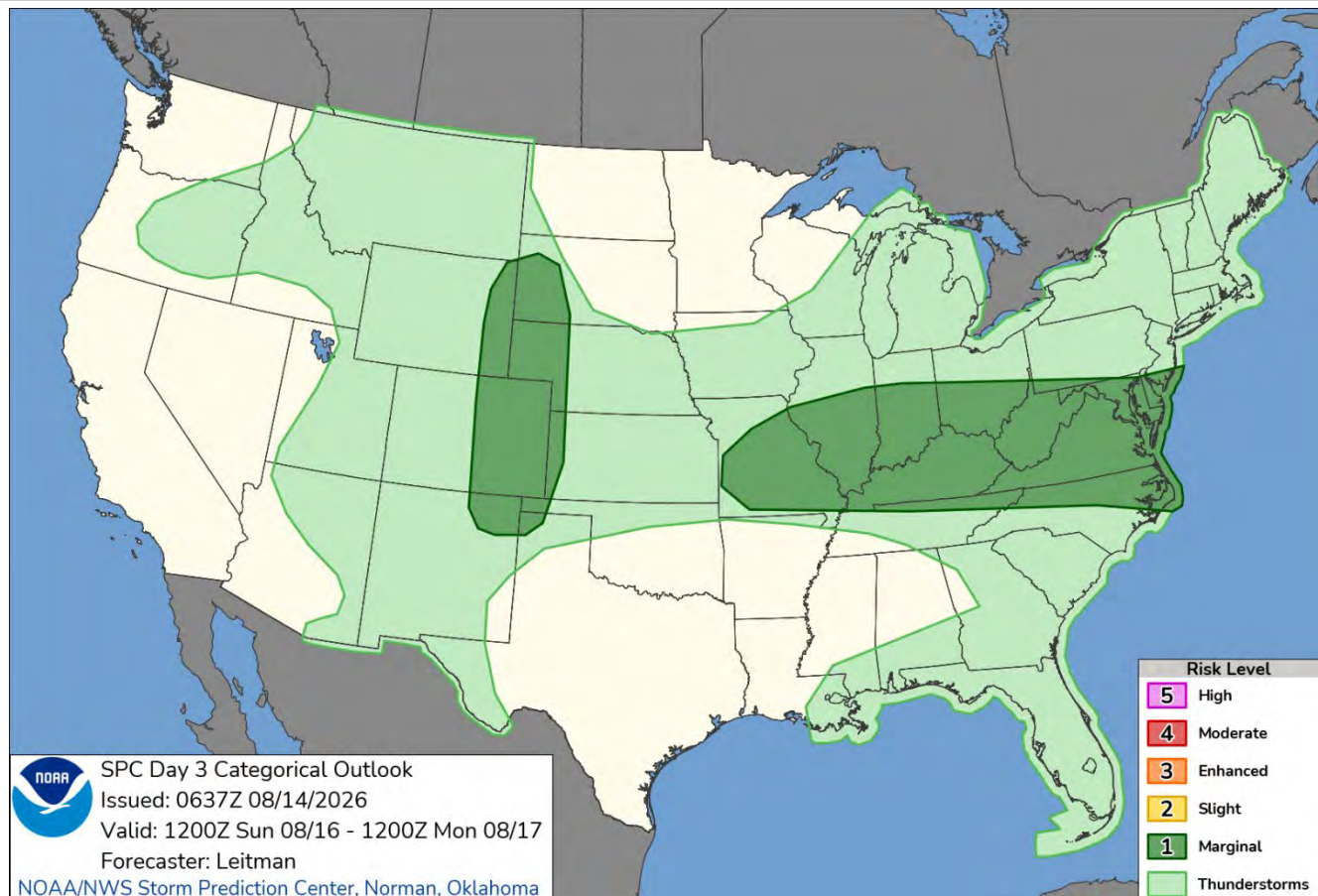
WPC Day 1 Excessive Rainfall Outlook, updated 0821 UTC Fri Aug 14 2026, valid 12Z 14-AUG through 12Z 15-AUG, pulled live this cycle. MODERATE RISK of excessive rainfall for parts of the Midwest. WPC places the primary axis across central and southern Iowa into west-central Illinois, possibly extending into far northern Missouri, and expanded the inherited Moderate area southeastward. A strong shortwave and MCV entering Iowa by 00Z brings a sharp increase in 850 mb moisture transport into an airmass with precipitable water approaching 2.4 inches; HREF flash-flood-guidance exceedance probabilities exceed 50 percent with PMM QPF above 200 percent of guidance and exceedance coverage over 25 percent. WPC expects scattered to numerous instances of flash flooding, some locally significant, with backbuilding and cell training likely on the south-southwestern flank. Ongoing convection from Nebraska through Indiana into West Virginia at 12Z carries a continuing localised flash-flood risk. Slight risks are maintained from northeast Colorado into southwest Nebraska and across the Southwest. Concerning heavy rainfall with flash flooding possible. WPC states convection developing in an anomalously moist airmass will increase through late morning into early afternoon, with the heaviest and slower-moving storms possibly producing flash flooding through 21Z. Precipitable water 1.2 to 1.8 inches, mixed-layer CAPE 500-1000 J/kg rising to 1000-1500 J/kg, CAM guidance indicating patchy QPF maxima of 1-3 inches, greatest over northwestern Arizona. WPC specifically flags burn scars, arroyos and other vulnerable terrain. Attention WFOs Flagstaff, Phoenix and Salt Lake City. COVERAGE INTERSECTION: St. George, Utah (WWF51) has cleared and is not on the 13-AUG NWR roster, so no transmitter gap now overlaps this Southwest outlook area. The Ohio Valley is covered separately by the WPC Day 1 Excessive Rainfall Outlook, which carries a MODERATE risk over central to southern Indiana.

**Analyst
Assessment**

TODAY'S THREAT CHARACTER: The hazard has handed off westward and the reader should move with it. Indiana is now in recession: 45 of its 61 alerts are Flood Warnings on rivers still falling from the 11-AUG derecho, which is a receding-water problem rather than a forcing one, and Indiana no longer sits under the MODERATE risk. Iowa and Illinois are where the forcing is: WPC has an organised, well-signalled flash-flood event with training convection expected this afternoon into tonight, and SPC has the severe-wind risk on the same corridor. Two independent products agreeing on one axis is a stronger signal than either alone. The Ohio Valley and Mid-Atlantic downburst threat is the secondary item and it is a wet-microburst mode rather than a wind-corridor one, so the exposure there is trees and distribution lines rather than a damage corridor. The WPC rainfall tier is the higher of the two today, and a decision keyed to the SPC categorical tier alone would understate the hazard

LIKELIHOOD: very likely. **CONFIDENCE:** HIGH. Flash-flood warnings are issued within the Iowa-Illinois MODERATE area today - WPC assesses HREF guidance-exceedance probabilities above 50 percent with coverage over 25 percent, and SPC forecasts a line organising out of Iowa into Illinois on the same axis. **CONFIDENCE:** MODERATE.

LIKELIHOOD: unlikely. **CONFIDENCE:** MODERATE. A significant tornado within the SLIGHT area today - SPC names bowing segments, severe gusts and embedded supercell hail as the modes and identifies no dominant tornado mode. **CONFIDENCE:** MODERATE.

**ALT HYP**

ALT A: SPC upgrades any part of the SLIGHT area before the end of the period [unlikely]

SUPPORT

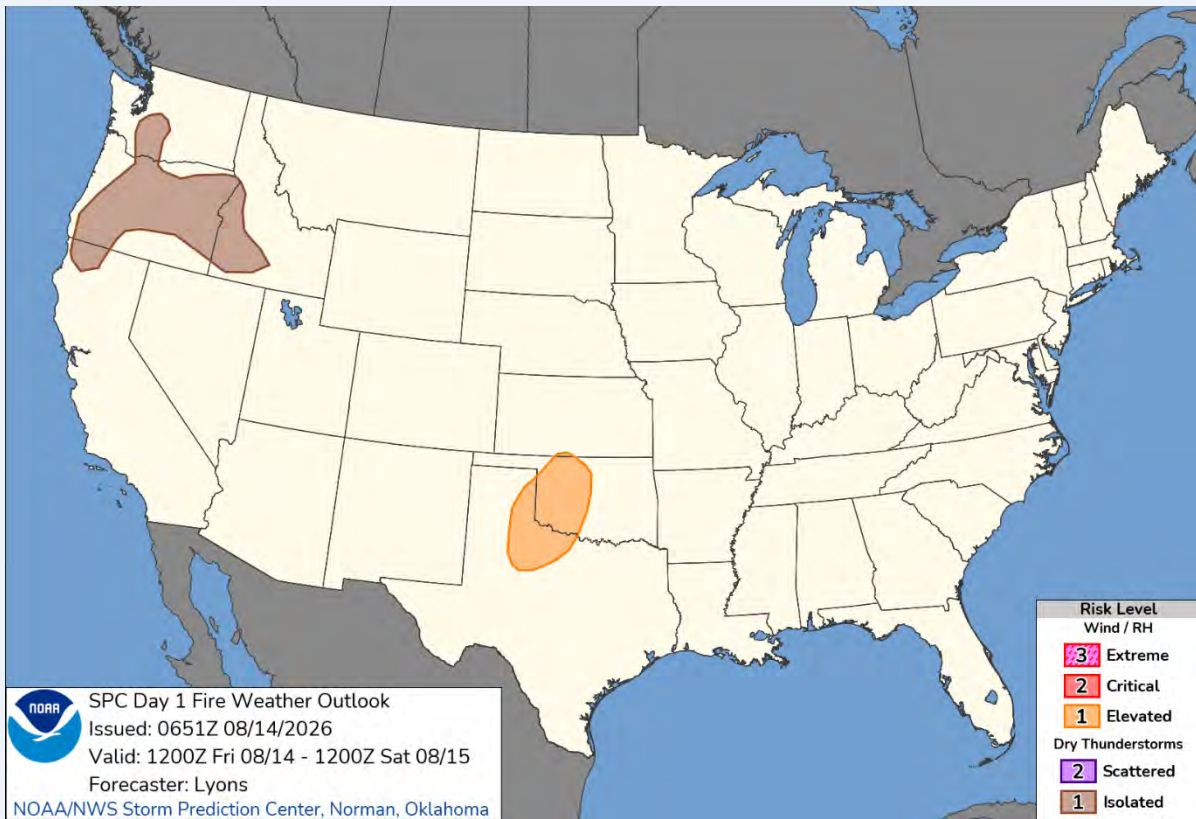
MLCAPE of 2,000 to 3,500 J/kg is forecast ahead of the line with 0-6 km shear of 30 to 35 knots, and WPC has already raised its own tier to MODERATE on the same corridor.

	DISCONFIRM	SPC set the ceiling at SLIGHT at 1257 AM CDT with the hazard framed as bowing segments and hail rather than a long-track wind corridor; the flash-flood threat is a rainfall-rate problem the convective categorical scale does not measure, so a WPC upgrade does not imply an SPC one.
	CURRENT STATUS	SLIGHT, issued 1257 AM CDT 14-AUG. LIKELIHOOD: unlikely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.
	ALT B: The multi-day flood threat, rather than any new convection, produces the cycle-defining impact [very likely]	
	SUPPORT	WPC carries a MODERATE excessive-rainfall risk with exceedance coverage over 25 percent and expects locally significant flash flooding; Indiana already holds 45 Flood Warnings and 9 Flash Flood Warnings on saturated ground; Iowa holds 7 Flash Flood Warnings and 7 Flood Watches before the main event has begun. NWS has already recorded a flood-related death where responders could not reach the patient. The threat extends int
	DISCONFIRM	SPC still forecasts severe gusts and hail across the central High Plains and wet downbursts from the Ohio Valley to the Mid-Atlantic, where a damaging-wind event remains possible independent of the Iowa-Illinois flooding.
	CURRENT STATUS	Convective tier held, rainfall tier at MODERATE, both on the same corridor. LIKELIHOOD: very likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.
SOURCES	NOAA SPC Day 1 Convective Outlook NOAA SPC Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook (FNUS21 KWNS 120551) NOAA SWPC noaa-scales NWS Indianapolis IN NWS Wilmington OH NWS Louisville KY weather.gov	

SECTION 7B - WILDFIRE REPORT (SEPARATE FROM METEOROLOGICAL WEATHER -- SEE SECTION 7 FOR WX-001)

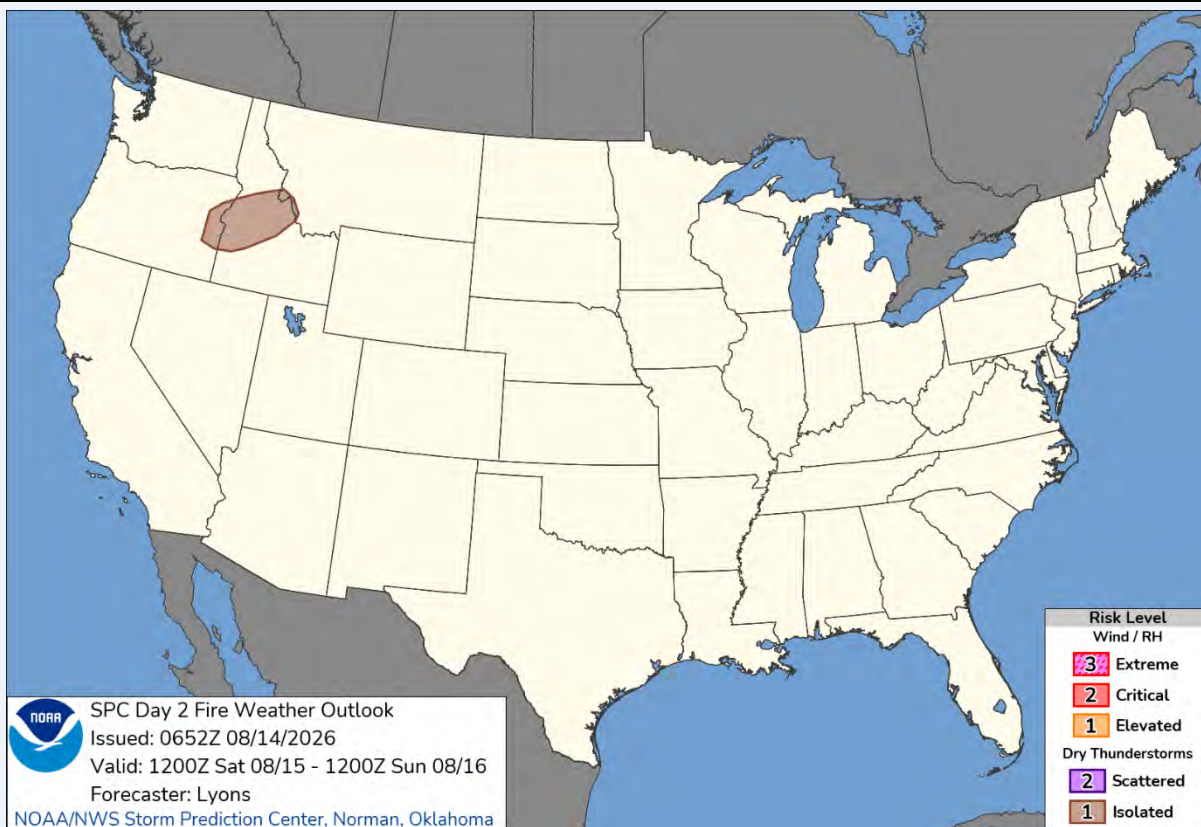
WX-002 SEC 7B FIRE WEATHER UNCONTAINED FIRES FALL TO 95 NPL 5 OF 5		FLASH ACTIVE 24
Summary	Uncontained large fires fell from 101 to 95 and the named active-behaviour list contracted to Little Giant alone. All national figures are the NIFC 13-AUG edition, which runs a day behind publication and is labelled as such rather than restated as current.	
National Status	NIFC National Preparedness Level (NPL): 5 of 5, the maximum, as of 18-JUL-2026 0730 MDT, confirmed on the NIFC National Fire News page, 13-AUG edition, pulled directly this cycle from nifc.gov/fire-information/nfn.	
SPC Fire Weather Day 1	SPC Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook: not re-pulled in this window and the tier is withheld rather than restated. Substitute obtained from the NIFC National Fire News fire-weather text of the 13-AUG edition, which forecasts isolated to scattered thunderstorms producing little to no wetting rainfall across more of the Northwest, central and northeast California, northwest Nevada, Idaho and far western Montana than on the preceding day, including parts of the Olympic Peninsula as well as areas near the Cascades and the Sierra Front. Western relative humidity minima are forecast at 15 to 35 percent with temperatures near to slightly below normal. The critical signal is in the southern Plains rather than the Northwest: southerly winds gusting to 40 mph with relative humidity of 10 to 25 percent are forecast to create widespread elevated to critical conditions there. Further south and east, thunderstorms will be wetter and less efficient at new instability will promote thunderstorm development across northern Washington, the Idaho Panhandle and northwestern Montana this afternoon and evening. Dry and breezy conditions between	

that trough and monsoon moisture across the southern Intermountain West will promote elevated fire weather concerns across portions of northeastern California, northwestern Nevada and the Upper Snake River Plain.



SPC Fire Weather Day 2

SPC Day 2 Fire Weather Outlook: not reached this cycle and the tier is withheld. The 7-Day Significant Fire Potential product at predictiveservices.nifc.gov returned a connection failure for a second consecutive cycle; the substitute is the NIFC fire-weather narrative recorded above, which is the same underlying Predictive Services text carried on the NIFC page. The route is closed, the question is not: the southern Plains critical signal is captured. Winds gusting to 35 mph, temperatures near 105F and RH 10 to 25 percent.



**Active Fire Areas
 (NIFC National Fire
 News, 13 AUGUST
 2026 edition, pulled
 directly this cycle)**

NORTHWEST AND INTERMOUNTAIN LEADERS: The 13-AUG edition names Little Giant (WA) alone as continuing to exhibit active fire behaviour, threatening structures and critical infrastructure with evacuations and area, road and trail closures in effect. Wrights Spring, Big Grass and Sinlahekin are no longer named in the national narrative; they are not stated to be contained and no per-incident figure for them is restated. State totals on the 11-AUG edition: Washington 20 fires and 547,098 acres; Utah 3 fires and 139,891 acres, including Widemouth 2 at 122,759 acres and 30% contained 2 mi SW of Kanosh; Montana 9 fires and 41,063 acres; Minnesota 5 fires and 65,128 acres, all Superior National Forest; New Mexico 4 fires and 4,899 acres. Autumn Lane (WA) is 5,764 acres at 89% contained. Per-incident acreages for the other named incidents were not individually re-pulled this cycle and are not restated.

NATIONAL: SEC 7B MANDATORY FIELDS (0.117): NPL 5 of 5, as of 18-JUL-2026 0730 MDT per NIFC (source: nifc.gov/fire-information/nfn). 95 uncontained large fires, 103 new fires and 4 new large fires reported in the prior period, 29,058 personnel assigned to incidents nationally. 46,636 fires and 6,485,336 acres year to date (1/1/26-8/13/26), 125% and 154% of ten-year averages. 7-DAY SIGNIFICANT FIRE POTENTIAL: the Predictive Services product returned a connection failure for a second consecutive cycle; the substitute is the NIFC fire-weather narrative, which forecasts dry thunderstorms with little to no wetting rainfall across the Northwest, northern and northeast California, northwest Nevada, Idaho and far western Montana including the Olympic Peninsula, and widespread elevated to critical conditions in the southern Plains on southerly gusts to 40 mph against 10 to 25 percent humidity. All figures from the NIFC National Fire News 13-AUG edition.

NORTHWEST CONCENTRATION: the Northwest remains the nation's most active fire area, holding 43 of the 95 uncontained large fires. **MILITARY AUGMENTATION:** not restated in the 13-AUG NIFC edition and not re-verified this cycle; the 240-soldier deployment stands last confirmed 12-AUG. It concerned soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division from Joint Base Lewis-

	McChord supporting operations on the Modrite Fire. No current personnel figure is stated. NWR COVERAGE NOTES - NO HIGH-GAP ALERT THIS CYCLE: Five multi-station clusters exist on the 14-AUG roster - New Mexico with three, and Alaska, Georgia, Indiana and Minnesota with two each - and none meets the two-part test, which requires several transmitters covering one area AND an active overlapping wildfire or severe-convective hazard in that same area. Eastern New Mexico sits under a widespread elevated-to-critical fire-weather forecast, but critical fire WEATHER without an active fire is expressly not a trigger. THE SINGLE-STATION GAP THAT MATTERS: Hillsboro IL (KXI79, 162.425, St. Louis MO) is out of service inside today WPC MODERATE excessive-rainfall area and the SPC SLIGHT corridor, so the one place on this roster where a listener most needs the radio is covered by a transmitter that is down. Adjacent transmitters and WEA remain the fallback. HAWAII: no Hawaii transmitter is out or degraded on this roster, so NWR coverage across the Hurricane Warning area is intact. Prior-cycle candidate clusters in Minnesota, New Mexico and Georgia were re-tested against this roster and rejected on hand-check: none has an active wildfire or convective hazard in the same coverage area.		
Analyst Assessment	SEASON TRAJECTORY: At 46,636 fires and 6,485,336 acres burned nationally year to date (1/1/26-8/13/26), running 125% of the ten-year average on starts and 154% on acres, with NPL held at 5 of 5 since 18-JUL. The acreage ratio eased from 155% to 154% and the starts ratio from 126% to 125%, while the uncontained count fell from 101 to 95 WHERE THE FIRE ACTUALLY IS: The named list contracted to one and that is not the same as the season easing. NIFC now names only Little Giant, but uncontained large fires fell just six to 95 and the Northwest still holds 43 of them, so what changed is the narrative focus rather than the load. Three incidents named yesterday are absent from the national text today without being declared contained, so this entry does not restate their figures and does not assert improvement on them. An incident dropping out of the lead is not the same as an incident being contained. FIRE-WEATHER TRAJECTORY: The fire-weather signal has moved south. The Northwest picture is dry thunderstorms over the Cascades, the Sierra Front and now the Olympic Peninsula, which is an ignition risk on ground already committed. The widespread elevated-to-critical forecast is in the southern Plains, where 40 mph southerly gusts against 10 to 25 percent humidity is a fresh-start problem in a region carrying no current large-incident load. Watch for new starts in Texas, Oklahoma and eastern New Mexico rather than growth over northern Washington, the Idaho Panhandle and northwestern Montana, which introduces a lightning-ignition pathway directly over the most active geographic area. LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. New significant fire starts driven by fire weather in the next 48 hours - NIFC forecasts widespread elevated to critical conditions in the southern Plains and dry thunderstorms across the Northwest. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. LIKELIHOOD: almost certain. CONFIDENCE: HIGH. National Preparedness Level remaining at 5 through the next cycle - 95 uncontained large fires, 29,058 personnel committed and the Northwest holding 43 of the national total. CONFIDENCE: HIGH.		
SOURCES	NIFC National Situation Report SPC Fire Weather Outlook InciWeb Active Incidents USFS Active Fire Mapping Program		
ALT HYP	ALT A: Growth on the Northwest leaders is arrested within 72 hours as fire weather stays sub-critical [unlikely] <table> <tr> <td>SUPPORT</td><td>Uncontained large fires fell six in a single reporting period and NIFC names only one incident in active behaviour; western humidity minima are recovering to 15 to 35 percent with temperatures near to slightly below normal. Wetting is limited over northern Washington, the Idaho</td></tr> </table>	SUPPORT	Uncontained large fires fell six in a single reporting period and NIFC names only one incident in active behaviour; western humidity minima are recovering to 15 to 35 percent with temperatures near to slightly below normal. Wetting is limited over northern Washington, the Idaho
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		Panhandle and northwestern Montana; nearly 30,000 personnel are committed nationally.
	DISCONFIRM	Little Giant remains in active fire behaviour with evacuations, closures and threats to structures and critical infrastructure; 43 uncontained large fires remain in the Northwest; dry thunderstorms are forecast over more of the region than on the preceding day, including the Olympic Peninsula. NICC advisories this cycle, for Southwest Idaho and Eastern Nevada/Central Utah.
	CURRENT STATUS	One incident named in active behaviour, 43 uncontained large fires still in the Northwest, dry thunderstorms expanding. Assessed unlikely, confidence MODERATE.
	ALT B: National Preparedness Level drops below 5 before the next cycle [very unlikely]	
	SUPPORT	Uncontained large fires fell from 101 to 95 in a single reporting period and personnel committed eased below 30,000; the named active-behaviour list contracted to one incident.
	DISCONFIRM	95 uncontained large fires and 4 new large fires; 29,058 personnel committed; widespread elevated to critical fire weather forecast in the southern Plains. NIFC 13-AUG edition.
	CURRENT STATUS	NPL 5 of 5 held since 18-JUL. Assessed very unlikely, confidence HIGH.

NWR TRANSMITTER OUTAGE STATUS - 14 AUGUST 2026 (operator feed, as of 14-AUG 1125Z: 22 affected, 19 out of service, 3 degraded, 16 states)

Source: NOAA NWR (noaa_nwr T1) | as of Fri, 14 Aug 2026 1125 UTC (operator-supplied timestamped feed, treated as authoritative per SOP) | 22 stations OOS/DEGRADED (19 OOS / 3 DEGRADED) across 16 states

ST	Callsign	Location	Freq	WFO	Status
AK	KWN30	Kotzebue	162.550	Fairbanks AK	DEGRADED
AK	KJY73	Saint Paul Island	162.525	Anchorage AK	OUT OF SERVICE
GA	WXM65	Baxley	162.525	Jacksonville FL	OUT OF SERVICE
GA	WXJ72	Summerville	162.450	Peachtree City GA	OUT OF SERVICE
IL	KXI79	Hillsboro	162.425	St. Louis MO	OUT OF SERVICE
IN	KXI94	Angola	162.425	Northern Indiana IN	DEGRADED
IN	KJY93	Muncie	162.425	Indianapolis IN	OUT OF SERVICE
KS	WXN81	Ulysses	162.450	Dodge City KS	OUT OF SERVICE
KY	KIH40	Hazard	162.475	Jackson KY	OUT OF SERVICE
MI	WNG572	Petoskey	162.475	Gaylord MI	OUT OF SERVICE
MN	KXI45	Gunflint Lake	162.525	Duluth MN	OUT OF SERVICE
MN	WXK41	Rochester	162.475	La Crosse WI	OUT OF SERVICE
NC	KIG77	Cape Hatteras	162.475	Newport/Morehead City NC	OUT OF SERVICE
NM	WXN24	Artesia	162.425	Midland/Odessa TX	OUT OF SERVICE
NM	WWF37	Carlsbad	162.475	Midland/Odessa TX	OUT OF SERVICE
NM	WWG36	Roswell	162.450	Albuquerque NM	OUT OF SERVICE

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ST	Callsign	Location	Freq	WFO	Status
NV	WNG731	Owyhee	162.450	Elko NV	DEGRADED
NY	WXL34	Albany	162.550	Albany NY	OUT OF SERVICE
OH	WXM69	Otway	162.525	Wilmington OH	OUT OF SERVICE
TN	WXK63	Shelbyville	162.475	Nashville TN	OUT OF SERVICE
TX	WNG601	Rio Grande City	162.425	Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley TX	OUT OF SERVICE
WV	WXM74	Sutton	162.450	Charleston WV	OUT OF SERVICE

SOURCES: weather.gov/nwr/outages

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NPL 5 of 5 as of 18-JUL-2026 0730 MDT. 95 uncontained large fires, 4 new large fires and 103 new fires in the prior period, 29,058 personnel committed nationally. 46,636 fires and 6,485,336 acres year to date

BIG GRASS FIRE (OR): NOT NAMED in the NIFC 13-AUG National Fire News. Last confirmed 12-AUG at 41% contained and 575,343 acres, 25 miles from Jordan Valley, Vale District BLM. NIFC has not declared it contained and no current figure is restated; its absence from the national narrative is recorded rather than read as improvement.

LITTLE GIANT FIRE (WA): The only incident NIFC names in the 13-AUG National Fire News: ACTIVE FIRE BEHAVIOUR, threatening structures and critical infrastructure, with evacuations and area, road and trail closures in effect. The acreage and containment figures carried on 13-AUG were not re-issued in the 13-AUG national narrative and are not restated here. Evacuations, road closures and threats to homes and critical infrastructure. No current per-incident personnel figure is stated; none was re-verified in this window.

WRIGHTS SPRING FIRE (OR): NOT NAMED in the NIFC 13-AUG National Fire News. Last confirmed 12-AUG at 0% contained and 33,970 acres, two miles west of Sprague River, Fremont-Winema National Forest. NIFC has not declared it contained and no current figure is restated. Sinlahekin (WA) is likewise absent from the 13-AUG narrative and is not carried forward on figures.

SECTION 7C - SPACE WEATHER & EMCMM

SWX-001 SWX-CON NSTR ALL THREE NOAA SCALES AT ZERO		WATCH UPDATED 4
Why This Cycle	Quiet holds a fourth consecutive cycle, with all three scales at zero on both the observed and the three-day forecast panels.	
SWPC Status	NOAA SWPC noaa-scales JSON, pulled directly this cycle on 14-AUG. Observed R0 none, S0 none, G0 none. The three forward days each carry G0, and no R or S scale value is forecast above zero. The most recent issuance in the SWPC alerts and warnings feed remains 15-JUL, so no product is in force and none is reproduced.	
Summary	The 30-JUL CME sequence is long past and the field has been undisturbed across three cycles.	
Operational Impacts	IMPACT SUMMARY: On the 14-AUG pull no geomagnetic impact is stated at this level: no induced-current effect, no aurora advisory, no satellite drag or spacecraft orientation impact, and no radiation storm. The impact language carried in prior cycles derived from the expired K-index 4 warning and does not apply to a quiet field. SWX-CON is held at NSTR.	

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HF / COMMS Assessment	No R-scale radio blackout is in force and none is forecast on any of the three forward days. With all three NOAA scales at zero on the 14-AUG pull there is no HF propagation impact from geomagnetic activity, and no SWPC product has been issued since 15-JUL. Operators with Hawaii traffic should note that the HF path is clean, so any communications difficulty around Lala will be terrestrial infrastructure rather than propagation. Operators should treat HF conditions as governed by ordin																
Analyst Assessment	There is nothing here and the useful thing to say about it is short. Four cycles of flat scales and 30 days without an SWPC product means the space-weather channel is not a competing demand on operator attention this weekend, which matters because Hawaii operators have a real one. No retrospective G1 language appears anywhere in this product - an unverified forecast restated as history is the same defect class as a stale source presented as current. LIKELIHOOD: very likely. CONFIDENCE: HIGH. Conditions remain below G1 through the next cycle - all three scales are at zero observed and G0 is forecast on each of the three forward days, with no warning, watch or alert issued in 30 days. CONFIDENCE: HIGH. LIKELIHOOD: very unlikely. CONFIDENCE: HIGH. Escalation to G2 or above before the next cycle - no Earth-directed CME is identified and no warning or alert has been issued since 15-JUL. CONFIDENCE: HIGH.																
SOURCES	NOAA SWPC main portal SWPC Real-Time Solar Wind SWPC Planetary K-index GPSJam real-time interference map SWPC HF Radio Impacts SpaceWeatherLive																
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SECTION 7D - TROPICAL / HURRICANE WEATHER

ONE NAMED SYSTEM WITH A US LAND WARNING. Tropical Storm Lala carries a Hurricane Warning for Hawaii County. See TROP-001 for the full entry

Status	Direct nhc.gov and CPHC pulls this cycle. CENTRAL PACIFIC - Tropical Storm Lala (CP012026, WTPA32 PHFO 140832, Advisory 8, 1100 PM HST 13-AUG): 16.7N 148.9W, 455 mi ESE of Hilo, moving WNW at 10 mph, 60 mph sustained, 997 mb, forecast to reach hurricane strength on approach to the Big Island. HURRICANE WARNING Hawaii County; TROPICAL STORM WATCH Maui County. ATLANTIC - no active tropical cyclone on the 14-AUG NHC pull. EAST PACIFIC - no system carrying a US land threat on the 14-AUG pull.
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Sources	NOAA CPHC WTPA32 PHFO 140832 (Public Advisory 8), WTPA22 PHFO 140832 (Forecast Advisory 8) and ACPN50 PHFO 140530 (Tropical Weather Outlook) NOAA NHC Atlantic and East Pacific feeds NWS active alerts API, all direct pulls this cycle
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SECTION 8 - AGRICULTURE / FOOD & SUPPLY CHAIN

AGR-001 TAYLOR FARMS CYCLOSPORA OUTBREAK NOT RE-CHECKED, LAST CONFIRMED 05-AUG		MONITOR NO DELTA 18
Why This Cycle	Not re-checked in this window: the CDC HAN route returned HTTP 403 and no substitute publisher carried the outbreak. No case count, state count or death toll is restated. The item stands last confirmed 05-AUG and is carried only so the thread is not silently dropped.	
Summary	ALL FIGURES IN THIS ENTRY ARE LAST CONFIRMED 05-AUG AND WERE NOT RE-CHECKED IN THIS WINDOW. As of that date: the outbreak was traced to shredded iceberg lettuce sourced from central Mexico and supplied by Taylor Farms de Mexico, which issued a voluntary recall on 17-JUL covering all central-Mexico iceberg let	
Analyst Assessment	SCALE AND SCOPE: On figures last confirmed 05-AUG, a parasitic outbreak that had produced two deaths and at least 98 recorded hospitalisations across fifteen states AGRICULTURAL INPUT PICTURE: Separately on the input side, the national fire posture holds at NPL 5 of 5 with 6,485,336 acres burned year to date on the NIFC 13-AUG edition, weighted heavily toward the Northwest Area, where the exposure is rangeland and livestock rather than row crop. INPUT COST TRAJECTORY: Brent is marked at \$87.18/bbl on 14-AUG, down 74 cents over 48 hours but up close to 5 percent on the week. The input that actually drives agricultural margins is diesel, and it is moving the other way: AAA daily diesel has risen 6.90 cents over 48 hours to \$5.4265/gal while crude fell. EIA has US on-highway diesel at \$5.257/gal for the week ending 10-AUG, a weekly series and still 150.3 cents above a year ago. Midwest diesel, the relevant regional series for row-crop and livestock haulage, reads \$5.181.	
SOURCES	NIFC National Situation Report USDA ERS Food Price Outlook World Bank commodity prices USDA NIDIS Drought Monitor	

SECTION 9 - PUBLIC HEALTH

PHS-002 EBOLA BUNDIBUGYO PHEIC DAY 90 DRC SERIES RE-PULLED, PRIOR PAIRING CORRECTED		HIGH UPDATED 16
Why This Cycle	The DRC national series was re-pulled via ECDC and reads 4,566 confirmed and 2,128 deaths on data to 11-AUG, an increase of 117 cases and 67 deaths in a single reporting day.	
Summary	Bundibugyo ebolavirus PHEIC declared 17-MAY-2026, now Day 90. The DRC situation update published 12-AUG, carried by ECDC and reflecting data to 11-AUG, reports 4,566 confirmed cases including 2,128 related deaths, with 570 patients hospitalised in isolation. That is an increase of 117 confirmed cases and 67 deaths against the previous report of 11-AUG. ECDC records 82.4 percent of identified case contacts under follow-up, and 53 of 140 health zones affected across the five provinces of Ituri, North Kivu, South Kivu, Haut-Uele and Tshopo. CORRECTION: the 13-AUG product paired 4,381 confirmed cases with 2,061 deaths. Those two figures came from different reports and should not have been stated together; the correct pairing at that date was 4,449 and 2,061. Uganda declared its outbreak over on 28-JUL after 20 confirmed cases and two deaths, with the last confirmed case on 21-JUN. WHO DON 614 remains the last WHO issuance and is now 15 days old, at 3,605 DRC confirmed and 1,589	

	deaths total on a crude case-fatality ratio of 44%, across five provinces with active transmission in 33 of them; Ituri accounts for 88% of confirmed cases and 82.6% of deaths. Epidemiological week 30 remains the worst week of the outbreak at 567 cases and 296 deaths. CDC assesses this as the second-largest Ebola outbreak on record and the fastest-spreading; it passed its first thousand confirmed cases within 40 days of response activation against roughly 235 days in 2018. Uganda's Ministry of Health declared its outbreak over on 28-JUL at 20 confirmed cases and 2 deaths, twelve days after the last patient was discharged and with the last confirmed case on 21-JUN. US entry restrictions for travellers recently in the DRC, and certain travellers from Uganda and South Sudan, were continued by an order issued 13-JUL for 30 days, which places the renewal decision inside the coming week.												
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Analyst Assessment	The gap between the two series has become the story, and it widened again. The national series now sits 961 cases and 539 deaths beyond the WHO figures, so the WHO update, when it lands, will register a step change rather than a trend, and any reader tracking WHO alone is looking at a picture fifteen days and roughly a thousand cases behind. The single-day increment of 117 cases and 67 deaths is the more useful number than the cumulative total: it implies a case-fatality ratio in new reporting above 50 percent, which is higher than the outbreak CFR above 45% on the national series the deaths are tracking cases proportionally, so this is transmission rather than a detection artefact. The 717 patients currently in isolation is the operationally useful number: it sizes the bed, staff and PPE demand that is actually in place today rather than the cumulative burden.												
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SECTION 10 - OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT

PREP-CON 3
BROWN SKY
Incident
Probable**PREP-CON 3 -- BROWN SKY (Incident Probable) HELD THIS CYCLE****MOVEMENT ASSESSMENT**

SUPPORTS DE-ESCALATION TO 4: The Omani mediation channel has not been publicly closed by either party and route coordinates were agreed in early August. Washington has named an economic instrument rather than a kinetic one for the coming week, which lowers the near-term probability of renewed strikes. If an instrument is published and transit normalises, the case for 4 becomes strong. No strike-pause night count is stated; none was re-verified in this window.

SUPPORTS HOLDING AT 3 (today): Both sides moved away from settlement on 13-AUG. Washington scheduled an unprecedented economic-isolation tranche for next week and declared the blockade indefinitely sustainable; Tehran added release of frozen funds and a region-wide ceasefire to its reopening conditions. Two ADNOC tankers were struck by drones inside the Strait on the evening of 13-AUG. Commercial shipping is still being attacked and the diplomatic distance widened rather than closed.

SUPPORTS ESCALATION TO 2: Not met. No CONUS casualty and no strike on Pickaxe Mountain. The closest approach this cycle is the drone attack on two ADNOC tankers, which is an attack on allied commercial shipping rather than on US persons or territory, and the US has stated it would respond to attacks on civilian vessels.

LIKELIHOOD: unlikely. **CONFIDENCE:** MODERATE. PREP-CON moves to 4 within the week - Washington has scheduled further economic escalation for next week and Tehran has widened rather than narrowed its conditions, so the movement in this cycle is away from de-escalation on both sides. **CONFIDENCE:** MODERATE.

COMCON 4
INCREASED
VIGILANCE
OPERATOR
CONFIRMED

COMCON 4 (Increased Vigilance) held, and the basis has shifted from the Ohio Valley to two new places. Hillsboro, Illinois is out of service inside today WPC MODERATE excessive-rainfall area and the SPC SLIGHT corridor, which is the least helpful place on the map to lose a transmitter; Angola and Muncie, Indiana are both affected while Indiana still carries 45 Flood Warnings on receding water. No Hawaii transmitter is out or degraded, so NWR coverage across the Hurricane Warning area is intact and the Hawaii communications risk this weekend is terrestrial infrastructure under wind and flooding rather than alerting coverage. All three

SECTION 11 - DOMESTIC UNREST / SOFT TARGET

DOMESTIC UNREST / SOFT TARGET -- NSTR, 14-AUG WINDOW. No qualifying domestic soft-target attack, mass-casualty incident or civil-disorder event was identified in this window. The basis is stronger than in recent cycles: the FBI press-release index and the DHS National Terrorism Advisory System page were both pulled live on 14-AUG, and NTAS carries no current advisory. ACLED was not reached and the CISA Commercial and Government Facilities sector pages were covered by the general CISA advisories sweep rather than pulled separately. Standing posture is unchanged: no DHS National Terrorism Advisory System bulletin was issued or amended in the window, and the most recent NTAS bulletin has expired.

SECTION 12 - ANALYTICAL INTEGRITY & SOURCE REGISTRY

ANALYTICAL INTEGRITY STANDARD - APPLIED TO THIS PRODUCT

No Epistemic Cowardice. When evidence supports a finding, we state the finding. We do not substitute hedges, attribution-laundering, or filler phrasing for assessments the evidence justifies. Genuinely mixed evidence is stated directly with the split explained. This applies to all state actors equally.

No Gatekeeping. Our readers receive the same operational picture a federal practitioner would see. PREP-CON assessment is not softened for comfort. If the operational basis supports a given level, the DTR states that level.

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ICD 203 / ICD 206 ANALYTIC STANDARDS CONFORMANCE (SOP v5.57 §0.113)

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THREAT AREAS ASSESSED	STANDING REGISTRY	CITATIONS THIS CYCLE	TIER 1 PRIMARY	TIER 2 SECONDARY	MONDAY ROLLUP SWEEP
33	638 v2.25 56 mandatory	34	22	12	638 ALL SOURCES

SECTION 13 - CLOSING

END OF REPORT

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