

DAILY THREAT REPORT

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⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 -- BROWN SKY -- INCIDENT PROBABLE ⚠
Op Epic Fury Day 185 | Hormuz Day 185 | US STRIKES RESUME AFTER ONE-MONTH LULL, IRAN
RETALIATES OVERNIGHT | 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 KP4 PERSISTENCE, NO G1/G2 OBSERVED
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PREP-CON Baseline	PREP-CON 3 -- BROWN SKY COMCON 4 -- INCREASED VIGILANCE WX-CON 3 GUARDED SWX-CON KP4 PERSISTENCE, NO G1/G2 OBSERVED
Version	SOP v5.64 Addendum Registry v2.25 (24 of 59 mandatory directly verified this cycle; remainder carried from 28-AUG or pending re-pull, see Section 12) Standing Rules R-0 through R-40

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31 AUGUST 2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | SWX-CON KP4 PERSISTENCE, NO G1/G2 OBSERVED | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 185 | US FORCES STRUCK IRANIAN ROCKET LAUNCHERS ON LARAK ISLAND ON 30-AUG, THE FIRST US MILITARY ACTION IN A MONTH, AFTER IRGC FORCES WERE OBSERVED PREPARING TO LAUNCH ROCKETS CARRYING SEA MINES INTO THE STRAIT. Iran acknowledged casualties and vowed retaliation; open-source reporting indicates Iranian strikes on US allies in the region overnight into 31-AUG. This REVERSES the corridor-progress framing carried through 28-AUG. Brent crude rose to \$90.69/bbl on the news. FIVE EASA MIDDLE EAST BULLETINS EXPIRE TODAY, 31-AUG, WITH NO RENEWAL FILED AS OF LAST CHECK. TROPICAL STORM DOLLY DEGENERATED to an open wave; the Leeward watch/warning call from 27-AUG DID NOT VERIFY. A THREE-DAY GEOMAGNETIC DISTURBANCE HELD AT Kp 4 THROUGH AT LEAST 30-AUG WITHOUT REACHING THE G1/G2 STORM THRESHOLD. This edition was compiled from direct source verification and web-based reconnaissance rather than the full scripted 59-source pipeline; see [Section 12](#) for what remains to be re-pulled directly before the next cycle.

THE CYCLE - QUICK LOOK

► **GEO-CF-IRAN: STRIKES RESUME.** US forces struck two Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island on 30-AUG -- the first US military action in a month -- after IRGC forces were observed preparing to

launch rockets carrying sea mines into the strait, days after the US finished clearing existing mines from the main shipping lane. Iran acknowledged casualties and vowed retaliation; open-source reporting indicates Iranian strikes on US allies overnight into 31-AUG. This REVERSES the corridor-progress framing carried through 28-AUG. Brent rose to \$90.69/bbl on the news.

► **NUC-001:** IAEA Blackout Day 184. No IAEA statement, Board action or facility strike verified in this sweep; 440.9 kg of 60%-enriched UF6 remains unverified since GOV/2026/8 of 27-FEB-2026, and Pickaxe Mountain remains uninspected. NOT directly re-pulled this cycle -- carried from 28-AUG pending direct IAEA verification.

► **CYB-001:** All five KEV deadlines from the 27-AUG additions have now passed (Gitea 28-AUG, Citrix NetScaler and MS SQL 29-AUG, ownCloud and Linux Kernel 30-AUG) with no reported federal compromise against any of the five. No new catalogue additions were located dated 29 through 31-AUG in this sweep -- direct KEV JSON/CSV pull needed before publishing that as confirmed.

► **SWX-001:** THE WATCH EXPIRED WITHOUT EVER VERIFYING. WARK04 was extended twice on Persistence condition -- serial 5409 to 30-AUG 0600Z, serial 5410 to 30-AUG 2359Z -- holding Kp 4 continuously since 28-AUG 1409Z onset. The forecast G1/G2 threshold was never crossed as observed across the full window. Both scored forecasts from 29-AUG (G2 observed, at-least-G1 observed) DID NOT VERIFY. Status past 30-AUG 2359Z unconfirmed -- needs a direct alerts.json pull.

► **WX-002:** THE PICTURE IS CLEAN AGAIN AND IT IS ADVERSE. NIFC's 30-AUG edition read identically on two consecutive pulls (R-40 satisfied): 98 large fires, up from 92 on 27-AUG, 3,961,407 acres active, only 2 newly contained against 8 new large fires. YTD 51,961 fires / 8.22M acres, 126%/163% of the 10-year average. Idaho now leads state count with 15, overtaking the Pacific Northwest cluster.

► **PHS-002:** DAY 107, FIGURES UNCHANGED SINCE 28-AUG. ECDC still displays its 28-AUG page (5,794 cases / 2,786 deaths on data to 26-AUG) as of this pull. ECDC does not update weekends; today, 31-AUG, is the next scheduled epidemiological update and had not posted at pull time. Re-pull before close.

► **TROP-001:** DOLLY IS CLOSED. The system degenerated to an open tropical wave on 28-AUG and never regenerated; the 27-AUG Leeward watch/warning call DID NOT VERIFY. A new Gulf disturbance behind the Dolly remnants now carries a 70 percent NHC development chance, drifting toward the Texas coast with an increased flash-flood risk for Houston/Galveston on Tuesday.

SECTION INDEX

SECTION	KEY ENTRIES / THREAT DRIVERS
SEC 2 - Market Indicators	Commodity tracker: Brent \$90.69/bbl (Trading Economics, 31-AUG, +2.93% on the day) following the US strike on Iranian rocket launchers at the Strait of Hormuz on 30-AUG. WTI at \$84.99/bbl per a separate publisher (Oilprice.com) - NOT the same-publisher pairing R-5 requires; a same-publisher WTI figure is needed before a spread is restated. Diesel figure carried from 28-AUG pending re-pull.
SEC 3 - FLASH Events	GEO-CF-IRAN: STRIKES RESUMED 30-AUG. US forces struck two Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island, the first US military action in a month, after IRGC forces were observed preparing to launch rockets carrying sea mines into the strait. Iran vowed retaliation; open-source reporting indicates Iranian strikes on US allies overnight into 31-AUG. This reverses the corridor-progress framing carried through 28-AUG. Brent rose to \$90.69/bbl on the news.
SEC 4A - Cyber / Technology	CYB-001: all five KEV remediation deadlines from the 27-AUG additions have now passed (28-30 AUG) with no reported federal compromise. No new catalogue additions confirmed dated 29-31 AUG in this sweep - needs a direct KEV pull.
SEC 4B - Physical / Geopolitical / IO	TROP-001: DOLLY IS CLOSED. The system degenerated to an open tropical wave on 28-AUG and never regenerated; the 27-AUG Leeward watch/warning call DID NOT VERIFY. A new Gulf disturbance behind the Dolly remnants carries a 70 percent

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	NHC development chance, tracking toward the Texas coast with increased flash-flood risk for Houston/Galveston on Tuesday.
SEC 5 - Energy / Infrastructure / Supply Chain	ENR-001 Brent \$90.69/bbl (Trading Economics, 31-AUG, +2.93% on the day) after the 30-AUG US strike on Iranian rocket launchers at Larak Island. WTI \$84.99/bbl per a separate publisher (Oilprice.com) - not R-5 same-publisher compliant this cycle. AAA national gas average \$4.0807/gal as of 31-AUG, continuing to ease even as crude jumps - the pump has not yet caught the crude spike. Diesel figure carried from 28-AUG pending re-pull.
SEC 6 - Aviation / Transportation	AVN-001: the EASA register carried FIFTEEN Active Conflict Zone Information Bulletins on the 28-AUG parse, and FIVE OF THEM EXPIRE TODAY, 31-AUG - Jordan, Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman, Lebanon, Iraq and Iran. A direct pull as of this cycle still shows the Persian Gulf bulletin (CZIB-2026-07R1) Active with no renewal filed, hours after the Larak Island strike. Decision expected today.
SEC 7 - Meteorological / Severe Weather / Fire Weather + NWR	WX-001: heat is expanding into the central US, Ohio Valley and Mid-Atlantic behind an existing Southwest heat wave; flash-flood risk continues over the Four Corners/Great Basin; severe storms are outlooked from the eastern Great Lakes into the Mid-Atlantic through Tuesday. Full alert counts and SPC/WPC tier product NOT re-pulled direct this cycle - carried as shape only per R-38, needs verification.
SEC 7B - Wildfire Report	WX-002: 98 large fires on the NIFC 30-AUG edition, confirmed on two consecutive reads (R-40 satisfied) - up from 92 on 27-AUG. 3,961,407 acres active, only 2 newly contained against 8 new large fires. YTD 51,961 fires / 8.22M acres, 126%/163% of the 10-year average.
SEC 7A - Space Weather and EMCOMM	SWX-001: WATCH EXPIRED, NEVER VERIFIED. Kp 4 persisted continuously from 28-AUG 1409Z onset through at least 30-AUG 2359Z on WARK04 Persistence extensions (serials 5409, 5410); the G1/G2 threshold was never crossed as observed. Both 29-AUG scored forecasts (G2 observed, at-least-G1 observed) DID NOT VERIFY. Status past 30-AUG unconfirmed - needs direct alerts.json pull.
SEC 7D - Tropical / Hurricane Weather	DOLLY DEGENERATED AND CLOSED. The system dropped to an open tropical wave on 28-AUG and never regenerated; no closed circulation as of the 30-AUG NHC update. Formation chance elsewhere in the basin near 0 percent through 48 hours. A new Gulf disturbance behind the remnants carries a 70 percent development chance, tracking toward the Texas coast.
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 KP4 PERSISTENCE, NO G1/G2 OBSERVED. Seventeen NWR transmitters are impaired - 14 out of service and 3 degraded across 11 states - on the operator-supplied roster of 31-AUG 01:25:27 GMT.
SEC 12 - Source Registry	Registry v2.25 638 total sources this cycle built from direct source verification and web reconnaissance rather than the full scripted 59-source pipeline - approximately 24 of 59 mandatory sources directly verified, remainder carried from 28-AUG or flagged pending re-pull, see full list below.

REGION / THEMATIC	KEY ENTRIES / THREAT DRIVERS
CONUS - Illinois / Wabash Valley (FLOOD WARNINGS)	WX-001 CARRIED FROM 28-AUG, NOT RE-VERIFIED: eight Flood Warnings stood on the Illinois and Wabash river systems across Cass, Fulton, Mason, Brown, Morgan, Schuyler, Crawford, Lawrence, Edwards, Gallatin, Wabash and White counties in Illinois and Knox, Sullivan, Gibson and Posey in Indiana, plus Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with flood watches at zero nationally as of that pull. Direct NWS re-pull needed before this row can be republished as current. Northeast over the same ground, so the two hazards are co-located rather than sequential.
Atlantic / Eastern Pacific	TROP-001 Dolly is closed. The system degenerated to an open tropical wave on 28-AUG and never regenerated; the Leeward watch/warning call from 27-AUG DID NOT VERIFY. A new Gulf disturbance behind the remnants carries a 70 percent NHC development chance, tracking toward the Texas coast with increased flash-flood risk for Houston/Galveston on Tuesday.
CONUS - Carolinas / Southeast Virginia / Coastal Georgia (SLIGHT)	CARRIED FROM 28-AUG, NOT RE-VERIFIED: WPC Day 1 Excessive Rainfall Outlook (updated 0808 UTC 28-AUG, valid 12Z 28-AUG to 12Z 29-AUG -- that validity window has PASSED) placed SLIGHT across the coastal Carolinas into southeast Virginia and coastal Georgia. This product is stale by definition; a fresh WPC/SPC pull is needed before this row can be republished as current. General reconnaissance for 31-AUG instead shows severe storms outlooked from the eastern Great Lakes into southern New England and the Mid-Atlantic through Tuesday.
CONUS - California Central Coast and Transverse Ranges (RED FLAG)	WX-002 The fire-weather signal has MOVED RATHER THAN GROWN. All FIVE Red Flag Warnings are now in California - the Santa Cruz Mountains, Salinas Valley, Santa Lucia Range and Los Padres, San Luis Obispo County, the Santa Susana and eastern San Gabriel Mountains, and the Cuyama Valley with the Santa Barbara and Ventura interior mountains. The Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Modoc cluster carried on 27-AUG has cleared. The count is unchanged; the geography is not.
CONUS - Industrial Control Systems	CYB-004 WITHDRAWN ON 28-AUG UNDER R-23, REMAINS WITHDRAWN. The Iran-linked water and wastewater OT campaign reached 24 days without a confirming CISA, FBI or EPA product as of that date and was withdrawn rather than carried further; no re-opening trigger identified in this cycle's sweep. RE-OPENING TRIGGER: any named CISA, FBI or EPA advisory identifying Iran-linked intrusion against US water or wastewater operational technology, or a utility-confirmed OT compromise.
CONUS - Nationwide Wildfire	WX-002 NPL carried at 5 of 5 since 18-JUL-2026 0730 MDT, not independently re-confirmed this cycle. NIFC's 30-AUG edition, confirmed on two consecutive direct reads (R-40 satisfied): 98 large fires, up from 92 on 27-AUG, 3,961,407 acres active, only 2 newly contained against 8 new large fires. Prose and table AGREE this cycle, resolving the divergence carried on 28-AUG.
CONUS - Nationwide (All Regions)	CYB-001 Catalogue carried at 1,685 as of 28-AUG (version 2026.08.27), not independently re-pulled this cycle. All five remediation deadlines from the 27-28 AUG additions have now passed (Gitea 28-AUG, Citrix NetScaler and MS SQL 29-AUG, ownCloud and Linux Kernel 30-AUG) with no reported federal compromise located. No new catalogue additions confirmed for 29-31 AUG in this sweep.
Middle East / Strait of Hormuz	GEO-CF-IRAN STRIKES RESUME. US forces struck two Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island on 30-AUG, the first US military action in a month, after IRGC forces were observed preparing to launch rockets carrying sea mines into the strait, days after the US finished clearing existing mines from the main shipping lane. Iran acknowledged casualties and vowed retaliation; open-source reporting indicates Iranian strikes on US allies overnight into 31-AUG. Brent rose to \$90.69/bbl on the news. CENTCOM confirmed the mine-clearing claim in its own statement on the Larak strike: "the U.S. military last week completed clearing sea mines from the strait's international shipping routes." That is now attributable to

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	CENTCOM directly rather than carried as an unverified presidential claim. IRGC forces were separately observed preparing to lay NEW mines when the 30-AUG strike occurred, so clearance and re-mining are both live threads at once. The China bank-designation question is UPDATED, not resolved: OFAC's 28-AUG action designated a Dubai-based individual linked to Bank Melli Iran's access to UAE banks - a UAE-bank-access designation, not the previously-briefed direct Chinese financial institution action, whose continued absence stands.
Iran / Nuclear	NUC-001 IAEA Blackout Day 184 (carried, not directly re-pulled this cycle). No IAEA statement, Board action or nuclear-facility strike confirmed in this sweep. Pickaxe Mountain remains unstruck and uninspected.
DRC	PHS-002 Ebola PHEIC Day 107. FIGURES UNCHANGED SINCE 28-AUG, confirmed via direct pull this cycle: ECDC's page still shows 5,794 confirmed cases and 2,786 deaths on data to 26-AUG. Contact follow-up at 82.3 percent (down from 84.6), 60 of 151 health zones across six provinces. ECDC does not update weekends; today's scheduled update had not posted at pull time.
Uganda	PHS-002 CLOSED. Uganda's Ministry of Health declared the outbreak over on 28-JUL and WHO declared it over on 26-AUG following the 42-day countdown. Twenty confirmed cases, two deaths, last case 21-JUN. This replaces the unsourced 42-day claim withdrawn on 27-AUG.
Strait of Hormuz / Gulf of Oman	MAR-001 US forces struck two Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island on 30-AUG, the first US military action in a month, after IRGC forces were observed preparing to launch rockets carrying sea mines into the strait. Iran acknowledged casualties and vowed retaliation. UKMTO/MARAD advisory text covering this strike NOT located in this sweep - needs direct pull before the next cycle. CENTCOM ship-redirection figure carried from 28-AUG (75, against 71 on 24-AUG), not re-verified.
Horn of Africa / Gulf of Aden	SEIS-001 No M6.0 or greater earthquake was confirmed for the 29-31 AUG window in this sweep; largest events located were M4.0-4.8 (Japan, Alaska, Russia, Greece). This is a lighter-touch web check, not a direct USGS feed pull. The 27-AUG Somalia M6.0 and Flores Sea cluster figures carried previously are NOT restated as current.

SECTION 2 - MARKET INDICATORS

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

COMMODITY	PRE-WAR (28 FEB)	CURRENT (31-AUG)	CHG vs PRE-WAR	CONSUMER / ANALYTICAL NOTE
Brent Crude (front)	~\$66/bbl	\$90.69/bbl (31-AUG)	+37%	48-HOUR DELTA: Trading Economics marks Brent at \$90.69/bbl on 31-AUG, UP 2.93 percent on the day, following the US strike on Iranian rocket launchers at Larak Island on 30-AUG -- Trading Economics attributes the move directly to the strike. This reverses the softening trend carried through 28-AUG.
WTI Crude (front)	~\$63/bbl	\$84.99/bbl (Oilprice.com, 31-AUG - different publisher than	+35%	48-HOUR DELTA: R-5 COMPLIANCE BROKEN THIS CYCLE. Oilprice.com marks WTI at \$84.99/bbl on 31-AUG (+1.91% on the day); this is NOT the same publisher as the Brent figure above

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COMMODITY	PRE-WAR (28 FEB)	CURRENT (31-AUG)	CHG vs PRE-WAR	CONSUMER / ANALYTICAL NOTE
		Brent, not R-5 compliant)		(Trading Economics), so no spread is stated. A same-publisher WTI figure is needed before the Brent-WTI spread series (last reading \$5.12 on 28-AUG) can be continued.
Gasoline (natl avg)	~\$3.10/gal	\$4.0807/gal (AAA, 31-AUG)	+32%	AAA has regular at \$4.0807/gal on 31-AUG (direct pull), continuing to ease even as crude jumped 2.93 percent on the Larak Island strike news -- the pump has not caught the crude spike yet. Day/week/month deltas not recomputed this cycle pending the intervening days' AAA figures.
Diesel (US No. 2)	~\$3.74/gal	\$5.6105/gal (AAA, 28-AUG, CARRIED - not re-pulled)	+50%	CARRIED FROM 28-AUG, NOT RE-PULLED THIS CYCLE. AAA had on-highway diesel at \$5.6105/gal on 28-AUG. Direct re-pull needed before this figure can be republished as current.
Ocean Freight / Maritime	Rates elevated	War-risk premium 7.5-10% of hull value against a pre-war 1-3%	Worsening	US forces struck two Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island on 30-AUG after IRGC forces were observed preparing to launch sea mines into the strait; the US had completed clearing mines from the main shipping lane the week before. No fresh UKMTO/MARAD advisory text covering the strike was located this sweep -- direct pull needed. Prior route status (UKMTO recovered, MARAD MSCI blocked, 25-AUG Khasab tanker incident) carried from 28-AUG, not re-verified.

SECTION 3 - FLASH EVENTS (Score >= 20)
GEO-CF-IRAN | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 185 | US STRIKES RESUME AFTER ONE-MONTH LULL, IRAN RETALIATES
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Why This Cycle	US forces struck two Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island on 30-AUG -- the first US military action in a month -- after IRGC forces were observed preparing to launch rockets carrying sea mines into the strait. Iran vowed retaliation and open-source reporting indicates Iranian strikes on US allies overnight into 31-AUG. This breaks the diplomatic-track framing this product carried through 28-AUG and reopens the kinetic track.
Summary	US Central Command confirmed on 30-AUG that US forces struck two Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island, an island in the Strait of Hormuz. CENTCOM spokesperson Navy Capt. Tim Hawkins said Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps forces were observed preparing to launch rockets carrying sea mines into the strait; the strike is the first publicly acknowledged US action against Iranian positions since late July, breaking a month-long lull. CENTCOM separately noted the US military had, the prior week, completed clearing sea mines from the strait's main international shipping lane -- so mine-clearing and IRGC re-mining preparation were both live in the same window. Iran's Revolutionary Guards acknowledged casualties from the strike and vowed retaliation; open-source reporting (Washington Post, citing US officials) indicates Iranian strikes on US allies in the region overnight into 31-AUG, described as the first known exchange

	of attacks in weeks. This directly overtakes the corridor-progress framing carried through 28-AUG: Iran and Oman's published corridor terms (inbound traffic via Iranian territorial waters, formal closure of the Omani southern route, four preconditions including no new sanctions) remain on record but have not been implemented, and a fresh round of kinetic activity makes near-term implementation less likely rather than more. Brent crude rose 2.93 percent to \$90.69/bbl on the news (Trading Economics, 31-AUG). CENTCOM's 75-ships-redirected figure from 27-28 AUG has not been re-verified this cycle.
SALUTE	SIZE: Two Iranian rocket launchers struck on Larak Island; nearly 60 designations in the 24-AUG Iran tranche remain in force with five sectoral determinations under E.O. 13902; the US completed clearing mines from the strait's main shipping lane the week before the strike. ACTIVITY: US struck Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island 30-AUG; Iran acknowledged casualties and vowed retaliation; reported Iranian strikes on US allies overnight into 31-AUG; the Iran-Oman corridor negotiation remains on record but unimplemented. LOCATION: Larak Island, Strait of Hormuz, Day 185, US naval blockade of Iranian ports in force since it resumed on 14-JUL. Tehran and Washington are the operative nodes this cycle. TIME: US strike on Larak Island 30-AUG; CENTCOM confirmation same day; Iranian retaliation reported overnight into 31-AUG; OFAC UAE-bank action 28-AUG; corridor terms remain dated 27-AUG, unimplemented. EQUIPMENT: Iran: rocket launchers and sea-mine capability, territorial-waters control, asserted transit permission over the strait. United States: naval blockade, carrier and escort presence, precision strike capability against fixed launcher sites, sectoral sanctions authority under E.O. 13902. UNIT: US Central Command (Navy Capt. Tim Hawkins); Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps and its Tasnim/state broadcaster channels; US Treasury (Bessent) and OFAC; Iranian Foreign Ministry via prior-cycle corridor negotiations (Araghchi, Baqaei); Omani Foreign Ministry (Albusaidi).
Analyst Assessment	The 30-AUG strike is the story, and it reframes everything published through 28-AUG. This product's forecast that the temporary corridor would NOT be implemented before the next cycle VERIFIES: it has not been, and a kinetic exchange makes near-term implementation less likely still. The forecast of a further Iran-related OFAC action ALSO VERIFIES: OFAC designated a Dubai-based individual linked to Bank Melli Iran's access to UAE banks on 28-AUG under Operation Economic Outcast, before the strike occurred. That action targets UAE banking access, not a Chinese financial institution -- the specific China-bank question from 27-AUG remains open, and its continued absence is still informative. What is new is that the diplomatic track (Iran-Oman corridor, Qatari and Pakistani mediation) and the kinetic track (mine-clearing, IRGC re-mining preparation, US strike, Iranian retaliation) are now running concurrently rather than sequentially. A CENTCOM strike on a fixed rocket-launcher site, followed within a day by reported Iranian strikes on US allies, is a materially different posture than the sanctions-and-mediation standoff this product tracked for the preceding four days. The corridor terms have not been withdrawn, but a government publishing shipping-lane geometry while its forces prepare sea mines for a new strait incursion was never a coherent single policy, and the strike makes that incoherence the operative fact rather than a contradiction to note in passing. LIKELIHOOD: unlikely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. Iran-Oman corridor terms are implemented before the next cycle - a fresh kinetic exchange between the parties whose cooperation the corridor requires makes near-term implementation less likely than it was on 28-AUG, and the underlying preconditions remain unmet. LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. A further US or Iranian kinetic action in or near the strait occurs before the next cycle - Iran has vowed retaliation and open-source reporting already indicates a first exchange overnight into 31-AUG, and CENTCOM has signaled continued readiness to act against mine-laying activity.
ALT HYP	ALT A: A Chinese financial institution is designated under the Iran programme before the next cycle [unlikely]

	SUPPORT	Treasury has said no one is above the reach of US sanctions and the President declined on 27-AUG to rule out designating Chinese banks; the 24-AUG tranche already reached Chinese-domiciled trading and shipping entities in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Shenzhen, so the jurisdictional threshold has been crossed once.
	DISCONFIRM	A bank designation is a different order of action from a shipping designation, carrying systemic financial consequences; Xi is expected in Washington in September and analysts judge Chinese cooperation unlikely but necessary, which argues for preserving the meeting rather than pre-empting it.
	CURRENT STATUS	Chinese commercial entities designated on 24-AUG, no Chinese financial institution designated. OFAC's 28-AUG action targeted UAE banking access for an individual linked to Bank Melli Iran -- a different jurisdiction, but confirmation OFAC continues to escalate along the banking-access axis. LIKELIHOOD: unlikely. CONFIDENCE: LOW.
	ALT B: Iran is converting the Strait into a permanent permission-based regime under cover of an interim deal [likely]	
	SUPPORT	The published corridor would run inbound traffic entirely through Iranian territorial waters and would formally close the Omani southern route, replacing a 58-year-old traffic separation scheme through a 30 to 60 day negotiation in which Iran and Oman set the terms. The IRGC has separately framed the arrangement as splitting both the waters and the revenues.
	DISCONFIRM	Oman has not publicly endorsed the revenue-sharing framing, the corridor is described as temporary and subject to a permanent successor, and Iran carries a real economic interest in traffic resuming rather than in indefinite closure.
	CURRENT STATUS	The published corridor terms have not been withdrawn, but the 30-AUG strike and Iran's mine-laying preparation both occurred inside the window the corridor was meant to be under negotiation, which argues the interim-deal cover reading is weakening rather than strengthening. LIKELIHOOD: roughly even chance, DOWN FROM LIKELY. CONFIDENCE: LOW, DOWN FROM MODERATE.
	SOURCES	CENTCOM statement via AP, Axios, CNBC, Washington Post and ABC7/NBC News wire coverage 30-31 AUG for the Larak Island strike and Iranian retaliation reporting OFAC Recent Actions 28-AUG for the UAE-bank designation Trading Economics 31-AUG for Brent Prior-cycle Defa Press 27-AUG corridor terms carried as unimplemented background. UKMTO/MARAD advisory text specific to the strike NOT located this sweep -- needs direct pull.

NUC-001 IAEA BLACKOUT DAY 181, NO ACCESS AND NO NEGOTIATING FORUM		WATCH NO DELTA 24
Why This Cycle	No new IAEA statement, Board action or inspector access confirmed in this sweep. This entry was NOT directly re-pulled from IAEA this cycle; content is carried from 28-AUG with the day counter rolled forward. Direct verification needed before next cycle.	
Summary	The blackout stands at Day 184, from 01-MAR-2026 (carried, not re-verified this cycle). The IAEA has lost continuity of knowledge across all declared Iranian facilities. The corridor negotiation between Tehran and Muscat, and now the 30-AUG Larak Island strike, remain confined to the maritime and shipping domain and carry no nuclear component so far as sourced.	
SALUTE	SIZE/TIME: 440.9 kg of 60%-enriched UF6, last IAEA-verified on 27-FEB-2026 in GOV/2026/8, unverified for approximately 185 days (carried figure, day count not independently re-derived this cycle), sufficient for multiple weapons if further enriched. Pickaxe Mountain has never been inspected and remains unstruck.	

Analyst Assessment	The blackout remains the longest-running unresolved element of the conflict and nothing this cycle moved it. The diplomatic activity that did occur - the Qatari visit to Tehran, Pakistani mediation and the Iran-Oman corridor - is entirely maritime in scope. Iran's four published preconditions concern the blockade, frozen funds, sanctions and force posture; none mentions the nuclear file. The file is therefore not merely stalled but absent from the only live negotiating channel, which is a worse position than deadlock because there is no venue in which progress could occur even if the will existed.	
ALT HYP	ALT A: The nuclear file enters the mediation agenda as a substantive item rather than rhetoric [very unlikely]	
	SUPPORT	Washington has repeatedly named the nuclear programme alongside Hormuz, and Qatar and Pakistan are both pressing for a broader resumption of direct talks rather than a shipping-only settlement.
	DISCONFIRM	Iran's four published preconditions are entirely maritime and economic and make no reference to enrichment or inspection; the Oman channel is explicitly confined to the strait; and Washington has declined to return to the June memorandum under which any wider agenda would have been framed.
	CURRENT STATUS	Day 181, no access, no new IAEA statement, and a live negotiating channel whose published agenda contains no nuclear item. LIKELIHOOD: very unlikely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.
	ALT B: Iran has covertly resumed enrichment despite the absence of visibility [unlikely]	
	SUPPORT	The Agency has no access to any struck facility and cannot confirm status; Pickaxe Mountain has never been inspected; and Iran's army stated on 26-AUG that damaged systems have been rebuilt and new systems imported.
	DISCONFIRM	The US Director of National Intelligence and Iran's ambassador to the IAEA have independently stated that enrichment has not resumed, and no Agency or national finding has contradicted either.
	CURRENT STATUS	No evidence of resumed enrichment and no visibility either, on Day 181 of the blackout. LIKELIHOOD: unlikely. CONFIDENCE: LOW.

CYB-001 KEV CATALOGUE 1,685 FIVE FEDERAL DEADLINES FALL INSIDE 72 HOURS		HIGH UPDATED 9
Why This Cycle	All five remediation deadlines from the 27-AUG additions have now passed with no reported federal compromise. No new catalogue additions were confirmed dated 29 through 31-AUG in this sweep -- this was a search-based check, not a direct KEV JSON/CSV pull.	
Summary	As of the 28-AUG cycle the KEV catalogue stood at 1,685 entries on version 2026.08.27. All five deadlines tied to that release and the prior one have now passed: Gitea CVE-2026-60004 (28-AUG), Citrix NetScaler ADC/Gateway CVE-2026-8452 and Microsoft SQL Server CVE-2019-1068 (29-AUG), and ownCloud CVE-2023-49105 and Linux Kernel CVE-2026-53362 (30-AUG). No reported federal compromise against any of the five was located. NO NEW CATALOGUE ADDITIONS WERE CONFIRMED for 29 through 31-AUG in this sweep -- a web-search-based check, not the direct catalogue pull this finding requires before it can be stated as NSTR with confidence.	
SALUTE	SIZE/TIME: Catalogue total carried at 1,685 as of 28-AUG (version 2026.08.27); NOT independently re-pulled this cycle. All five remediation deadlines from the 27-28 AUG additions have now passed.	
Analyst Assessment	This cycle's finding is a gap, not a development: no direct KEV catalogue pull was performed, so neither new additions nor their absence can be stated with confidence. What carries forward	

from 28-AUG is still analytically valid -- the legacy-backfill pattern (ownCloud CVE-2023-49105 is a 2023 vulnerability; four of the last ten additions as of 28-AUG predated 2026) reflects an asset-inventory problem rather than a patching-cadence problem, because a fully current estate can still be exposed through unsupported or forgotten components. That structural point does not depend on today's catalogue count and is carried forward on that basis. A direct pull is needed before the next cycle to confirm whether the pattern continued.

ALT HYP**ALT A: A further KEV addition occurs before the next cycle [likely]****SUPPORT**

The catalogue has grown by twenty entries in eleven days, from 1,665 on 17-AUG to 1,685, and additions have landed on 24, 25, 26 and 27-AUG without a gap.

DISCONFIRM

The 27-AUG release was smaller than the seven-item release of 26-AUG, and the next scheduled window falls across a weekend when publication cadence typically slows.

CURRENT STATUS

Catalogue total carried at 1,685 as of 28-AUG, not independently re-pulled this cycle -- LIKELIHOOD/CONFIDENCE below reflects the base rate from the 28-AUG cycle, not fresh evidence. LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: LOW, down from MODERATE for lack of a fresh pull.

ALT B: A KEV-listed flaw with a deadline falling in this window is exploited against a US federal network before the next cycle [unlikely]**SUPPORT**

Five deadlines fall inside 72 hours and four of the five sit on internet-facing infrastructure - Gitea, Citrix NetScaler gateway, ownCloud and a database server - which is the exposure class most often reached first.

DISCONFIRM

No federal compromise has been reported against any KEV item in this window, BOD 26-04 requires disconnection where remediation is not achieved, and none of the five is flagged for known ransomware campaign use.

CURRENT STATUS

All five deadlines from the 27-28 AUG additions have now passed 28-30 AUG with no reported federal compromise located. LIKELIHOOD: unlikely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.

SECTION 4A - CYBER & INFORMATION SECURITY

CYB-004 -- IRAN-LINKED WATER AND WASTEWATER OT CAMPAIGN: WITHDRAWN ON 28-AUG UNDER R-23, REMAINS WITHDRAWN, NOT RE-OPENED. The entry reached 24 days without a confirming CISA, FBI or EPA product as of 28-AUG; no re-opening trigger was identified in this cycle's sweep (not independently re-verified). RE-OPENING TRIGGER: any named CISA, FBI or EPA advisory identifying Iran-linked intrusion against US water or wastewater operational technology, or a utility-confirmed OT compromise in the sector. No figure, date or attribution from the closed entry is restated.

CYB-003 -- KEV LEGACY BACKFILL CONTINUES: CARRIED FROM 28-AUG, NOT RE-VERIFIED: the 27-AUG release added ownCloud CVE-2023-49105, a 2023 improper authentication flaw, alongside two current-year items. Four of the last ten catalogue additions predated 2026 as of that pull. The underlying implication holds independent of a fresh count: exposure here is governed by what an organisation still runs and no longer tracks, not by how quickly it patches what it knows about.

TROP-001 | TROPICAL | THREE NAMED SYSTEMS | LALA DISSIPATED, TWO NEW IN THE EAST PACIFIC

FLASH | UPDATED | 21

Why This Cycle	Dolly is closed. The system degenerated to an open tropical wave on 28-AUG and never regenerated; the Leeward Islands watch/warning call from 27-AUG DID NOT VERIFY. A new disturbance in the Gulf of Mexico, behind the Dolly remnants, is now the active Atlantic-basin story.							
Summary	DOLLY CLOSED, NEW GULF DISTURBANCE ACTIVE. ATLANTIC: Tropical Storm Dolly degenerated to an open tropical wave on 28-AUG, per NHC, and never regenerated a closed circulation. As of the 30-AUG NHC tropical weather outlook, the remnant wave was producing showers and thunderstorms from Puerto Rico eastward across the Virgin Islands and the northern Leeward Islands, with formation chance near 0 percent through 48 hours and roughly 20 percent through 7 days. A SEPARATE, BETTER-ORGANIZED DISTURBANCE has since formed in the Gulf of Mexico, carrying a 70 percent NHC development chance as of this sweep, drifting WNW toward the Texas coast with an increased chance of showers, storms and flash flooding for the Houston/Galveston area on Tuesday. EAST PACIFIC: Karina and Lowell were both active and strengthening as of 28-AUG (Karina forecast toward hurricane strength offshore southwest Mexico); NEITHER WAS RE-VERIFIED this cycle -- treat as carried, not current. CENTRAL PACIFIC: not re-pulled this cycle.							
SALUTE	SIZE/TIME: Dolly closed as an open tropical wave; a new Gulf of Mexico disturbance carries a 70 percent NHC development chance and is the active watch item. Karina and Lowell figures carried from 28-AUG, not re-verified.							
SOURCES	NOAA NHC tropical weather outlook and WJBF-sourced NHC update, 30-AUG, for the Dolly remnant status and Gulf disturbance development chance NOAA NHC Karina/Lowell figures carried from 28-AUG, not re-pulled this cycle. All Atlantic-basin figures pulled or sourced within this reporting window; Karina/Lowell status needs direct re-verification before next cycle.							
Analyst Assessment	THE FORECAST FROM 27-AUG IS NOW FULLY ADJUDICATED: this product assessed a Leeward Islands watch or warning as a ROUGHLY EVEN CHANCE, no watch or warning was ever issued, and Dolly degenerated to an open wave on 28-AUG without regenerating. THE CALL DID NOT VERIFY. The system was undercut by exactly the shear and dry air visible in the Advisory 1 discussion, which this product under-weighted. The operationally relevant question has now shifted: a separate, better-organized Gulf of Mexico disturbance carries a 70 percent NHC development chance and is tracking toward the Texas coast, a state already carrying an active North Central Texas fire-weather drought advisory and a 46-day rainless streak at DFW. A wet system arriving into a drought-primed area raises flash-flood risk disproportionately to its own intensity, which is the operationally relevant framing rather than the storm's category.							
ALT HYP	ALT A: The Gulf of Mexico disturbance develops into a tropical depression or storm before the next cycle [likely] <table><tr><td>SUPPORT</td><td>NHC's own development-chance figure is 70 percent, a high reading for this range, and the system is drifting into a warm-water, low-shear part of the Gulf during a period of otherwise active regional convection.</td></tr><tr><td>DISCONFIRM</td><td>The system remains poorly organized as of the last sourced update, NHC's own 7-day figure (20 percent) is well below its 48-hour figure, reflecting genuine uncertainty, and Gulf disturbances this late in the season can shear apart as quickly as they organize.</td></tr><tr><td>CURRENT STATUS</td><td>70 percent NHC development chance as of the last sourced update, tracking toward a drought-stressed Texas coast. LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: LOW, pending a direct same-day NHC pull.</td></tr></table>		SUPPORT	NHC's own development-chance figure is 70 percent, a high reading for this range, and the system is drifting into a warm-water, low-shear part of the Gulf during a period of otherwise active regional convection.	DISCONFIRM	The system remains poorly organized as of the last sourced update, NHC's own 7-day figure (20 percent) is well below its 48-hour figure, reflecting genuine uncertainty, and Gulf disturbances this late in the season can shear apart as quickly as they organize.	CURRENT STATUS	70 percent NHC development chance as of the last sourced update, tracking toward a drought-stressed Texas coast. LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: LOW, pending a direct same-day NHC pull.
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ALT B: Karina reaches hurricane strength before the next cycle [likely]**SUPPORT**

NHC explicitly forecasts Karina to become a formidable hurricane, the system is at 45 kt with a concentrated burst of deep convection and cloud tops below minus 80 Celsius, and it is over open water well offshore.

DISCONFIRM

Scatterometer data around the centre has been ambiguous about the wind field, the system is at Advisory 3 with structure still evolving, and intensification forecasts at this range carry wide error bars.

CURRENT STATUS

Karina at 45 kt and 999 mb was forecast by NHC to reach formidable hurricane strength as of 28-AUG; NOT independently re-verified this cycle. LIKELIHOOD: likely (carried). CONFIDENCE: LOW, down from MODERATE for lack of a fresh pull.

MAR-001 -- HORMUZ SHIPPING, US STRIKE ON LARAK ISLAND 30-AUG. US forces struck two Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island on 30-AUG after IRGC forces were observed preparing to launch rockets carrying sea mines into the strait; the US had completed clearing mines from the main shipping lane the week before. Iran acknowledged casualties and vowed retaliation. NO FRESH UKMTO/MARAD ADVISORY TEXT COVERING THIS STRIKE WAS LOCATED IN THIS SWEEP -- the most recent JMIC/UKMTO advisory found (Update 090, 27-AUG) predates it and reports no new notices for 25-27 AUG; a direct pull is needed before the next cycle. CENTCOM's 75-ships-redirected figure and the 25-AUG Khasab tanker incident are carried from 28-AUG, not re-verified.

SECTION 5 - ENERGY / INFRASTRUCTURE / SUPPLY CHAIN**ENERGY / INFRASTRUCTURE MONITORS - 28 AUGUST 2026**

ENR-001 OIL / ENERGY PRICES: Trading Economics marks Brent at \$90.69/bbl on 31-AUG, up 2.93 percent on the day, following the US strike on Iranian rocket launchers at Larak Island on 30-AUG. A same-publisher WTI figure was NOT obtained this cycle; Oilprice.com shows WTI at \$84.99/bbl, which is a different publisher and cannot be paired with the Brent figure under R-5. No spread is stated this cycle pending a same-publisher WTI pull. AAA's national gasoline average was \$4.0807/gal as of 31-AUG (direct pull), continuing to ease even as crude jumps -- the pump has not caught the crude spike yet. Diesel figure carried from 28-AUG, not re-pulled.

MAR-001 MARITIME SUPPLY CHAIN: US forces struck two Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island on 30-AUG after IRGC forces were observed preparing to launch sea mines into the strait; the US had completed clearing mines from the main shipping lane the week before. No fresh UKMTO/MARAD advisory text covering the strike was located this sweep -- needs a direct pull. Saudi Arabia's reported increase in Persian Gulf loadings is carried from 28-AUG, not re-verified.

SEIS-001 SEISMIC: No M6.0 or greater earthquake was confirmed in this sweep for the 29-31 AUG window; largest events located were M4.0-4.8 (Japan, Alaska, Russia, Greece). This is a lighter-touch web check, not a direct USGS feed pull -- the 27-AUG Somalia M6.0 and Flores Sea cluster figures are NOT carried forward as current. NSTR on new significant seismic activity, pending direct verification.

SECTION 6 - AVIATION / TRANSPORTATION**AVIATION / TRANSPORTATION MONITORS - 28 AUGUST 2026**

AVN-001 MIDDLE EAST / HORMUZ AIRSPACE: THE DECISION POINT IS TODAY. A direct pull of the EASA Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman CZIB-2026-07R1 page, current as of this cycle, shows status "Active," valid until 31-AUG-2026, with NO renewal or revision filed as of the pull. The same 31-AUG expiry applies to the linked Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon and Iran bulletins. The decision is now overtaken by events: the US struck Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island on 30-AUG, the first US military action in a month, and Iran has reportedly retaliated against US allies overnight into 31-AUG. As of the most recent SafeAirspace/Ops Group picture located (pre-dating the strike), Kuwait remained closed to overflights, other Gulf FIRs were open with tactical routing, the western Tehran FIR remained closed and the eastern Tehran FIR reopened at cruise levels -- THIS PICTURE IS NOW STALE relative to the strike, and no confirmed post-strike NOTAM or FIR change was located in this sweep. Direct FAA/SafeAirspace pull needed before close.

AVN-002 AVIATION / SURFACE / RAIL / TRANSIT: NOT RE-PULLED THIS CYCLE. The FAA national airspace status page and TFR list were not directly re-verified in this sweep. No qualifying national disruption was reported in general open-source coverage, but this is carried rather than confirmed; direct pull needed.

SECTION 7 - METEOROLOGICAL WEATHER / SEVERE WEATHER / FIRE WEATHER

WX-001 | HEAT COLLAPSES TO THE SOUTHWEST | FLOOD WATCHES TO ZERO, WARNINGS HOLD ON THE WABASH

FLASH | ACTIVE | 20

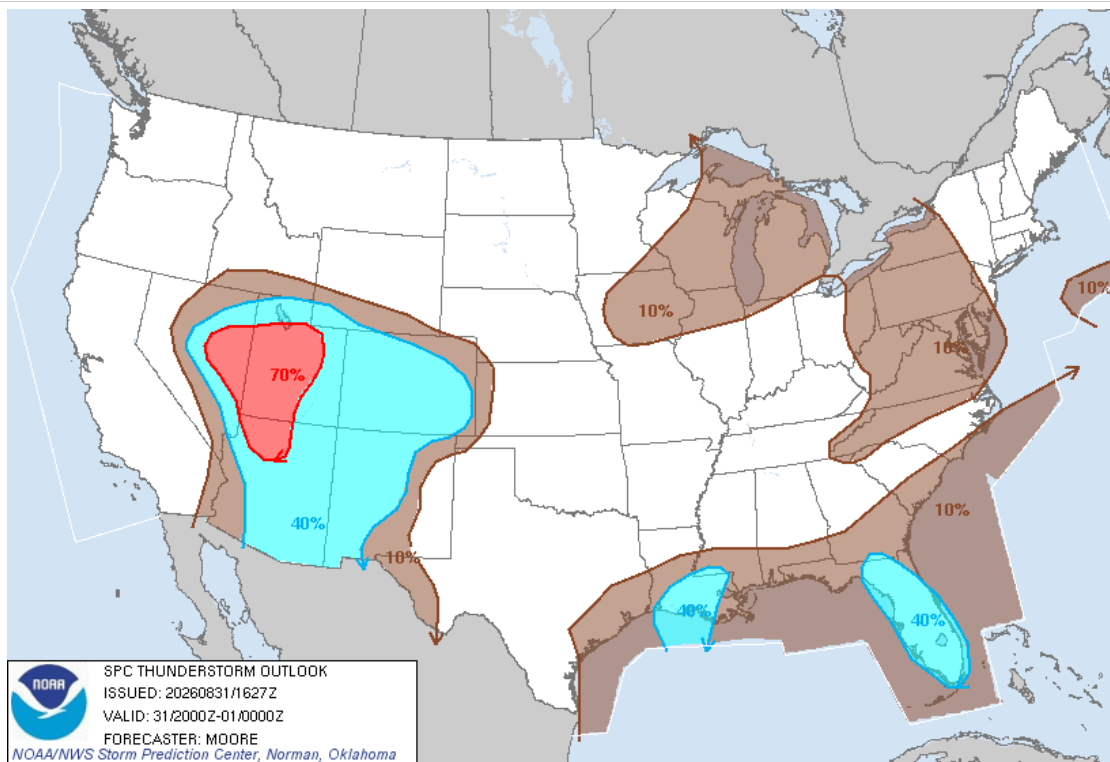
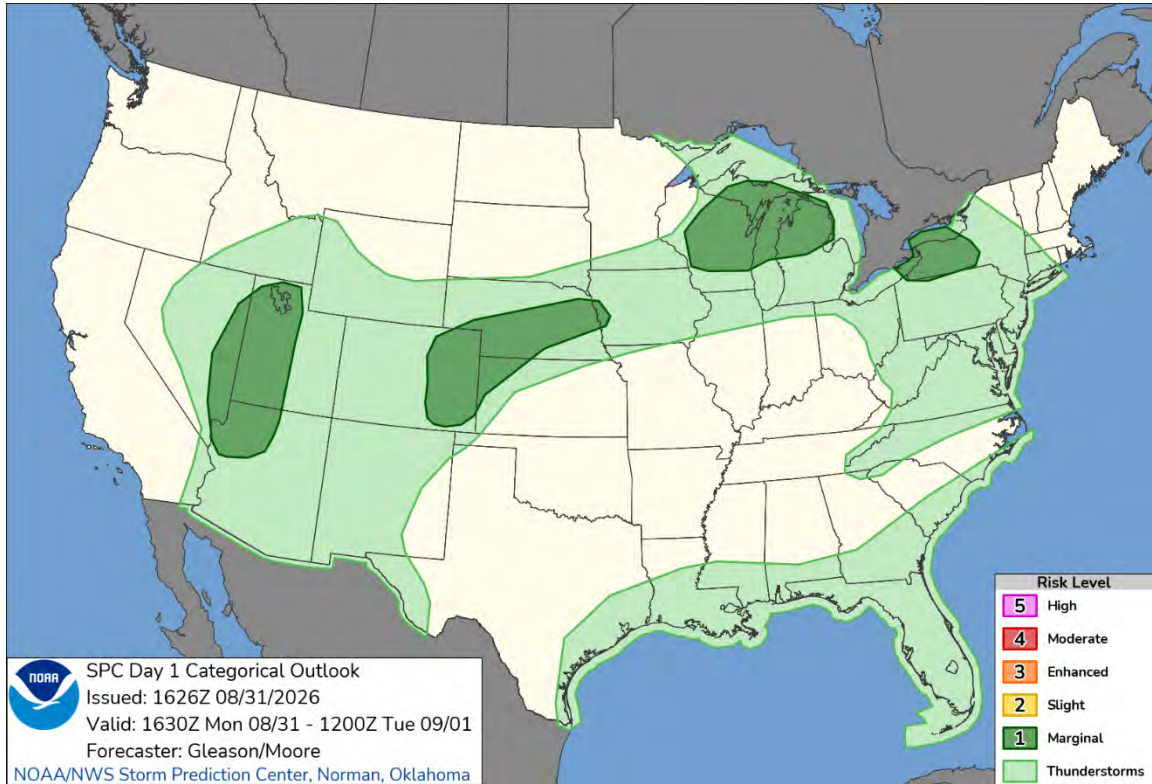
Summary

NOT RE-PULLED DIRECT THIS CYCLE -- the detail below is carried from the 28-AUG api.weather.gov pull (267 alerts) and is NOT today's alert count. What IS confirmed for 31-AUG from general reconnaissance: heat is expanding into the central US, Ohio Valley and Mid-Atlantic behind the existing Southwest heat wave; flash-flood risk continues over the Four Corners/Great Basin; severe storms are outlooked from the eastern Great Lakes into the Mid-Atlantic through Tuesday; a new Gulf of Mexico disturbance (70 percent NHC development chance) is tracking toward Texas; Houston/Galveston carries an ozone advisory through Monday evening; DFW stands at 46 consecutive days without measurable rainfall. A direct SPC/WPC/NWS alerts pull is needed before this entry can be republished as current. 28-AUG DETAIL BELOW, CARRIED: The heat footprint had collapsed to the Southwest for a third consecutive cycle and the Mid-Atlantic flood watches had cleared entirely. 267 alerts were active on the 28-AUG 1301Z pull against 250. HEAT: 29 products - 22 Extreme Heat Warnings and 7 Heat Advisories - down from 31 and from 57 on 25-AUG, and now confined to Arizona, California and Nevada plus Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. AIR QUALITY: 13 alerts across eleven states, UP from 11 and rising for a third consecutive cycle. FLOOD: watches have fallen to ZERO from five as the New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania watches cleared, while EIGHT Flood Warnings persist on the Illinois and Wabash river systems and at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. ALASKA: an unusual eight-product land cluster including a Winter Weather Advisory in the Central Brooks Range and a High Wind Warning in the eastern Alaska Range.

SPC Day 1
Convective
Outlook

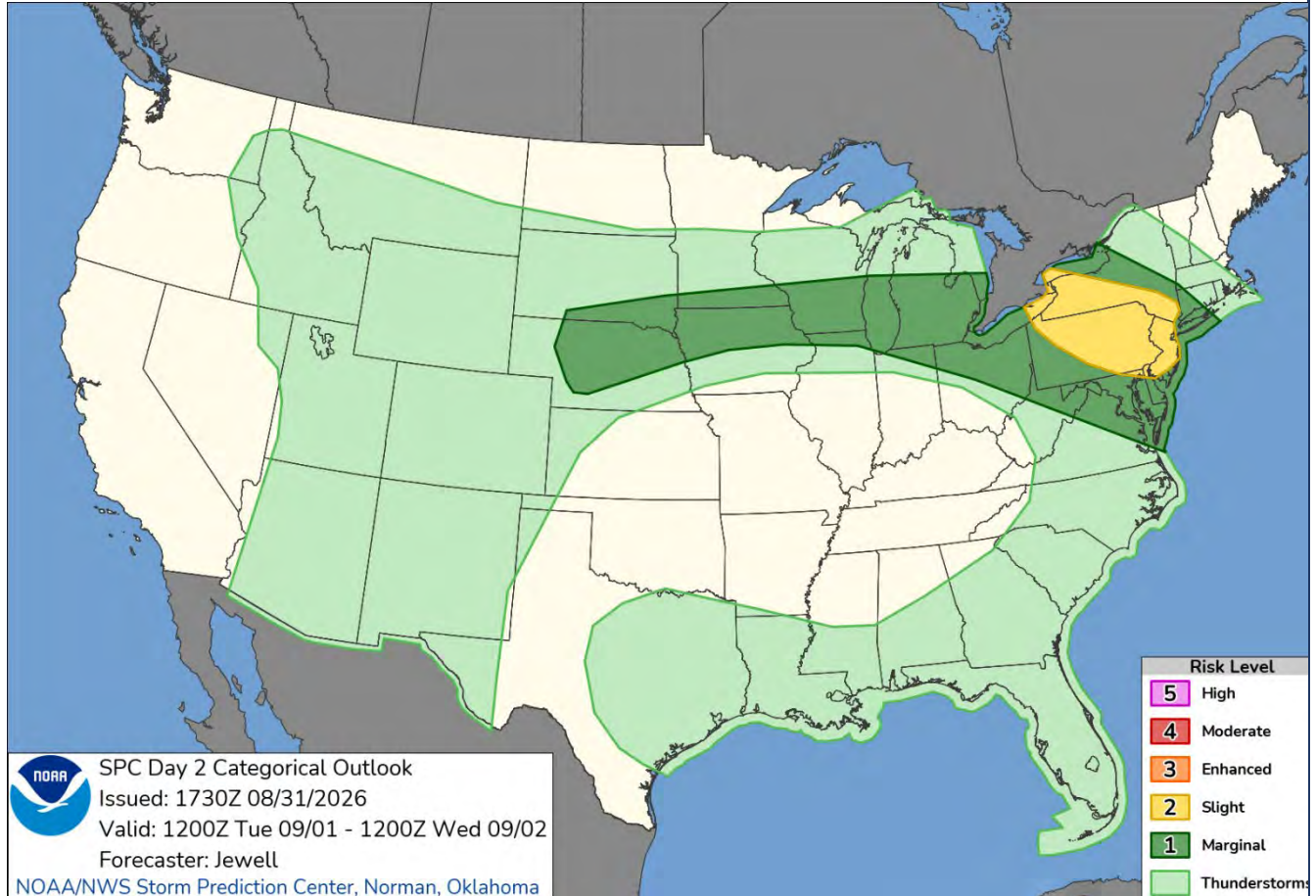
SPC Day 1 Convective Outlook, valid 310100Z-311200Z (issued 0757 PM CDT Sun 30-AUG, sourced via a secondary mirror of the SPC text since a direct spc.noaa.gov pull was not obtained this cycle): SLIGHT RISK OF SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS OVER PORTIONS OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS. A strong, negative-tilt mid-level low and shortwave trough ejecting across southern Saskatchewan into eastern Montana, with a 60-70 kt mid-level jet streak moving across the Rockies into the Plains, drives a cold front sweeping the Dakotas overnight; a squall line was already observed along/ahead of the front from southern Saskatchewan/Manitoba into northern South Dakota. East of the Divide, increasing ascent and steep low-level lapse rates were expected to support strong downdrafts capable of severe gusts (60-75 mph) with a cluster or weak MCS across the High Plains of eastern Colorado and western Kansas/Nebraska overnight. Scattered thunderstorms over the Arizona lower deserts were expected to persist on very hot temperatures and monsoon moisture, multicell mode with isolated severe gusts possible. SEPARATELY, WPC (direct pull, 31-AUG): MODERATE RISK of excessive rainfall over

portions of Utah and the Great Basin today, with a Slight Risk over the Western Gulf Coast Tuesday-Wednesday and a Slight Risk of severe thunderstorms over the Lower Great Lakes, Northeast and Northern Mid-Atlantic on Tuesday. lingering cloud cover as complicating factors for thunderstorm development later in the day. NOTE: this Dakotas/Minnesota text is itself CARRIED FROM AN EARLIER, PRE-30-AUG PRODUCT and is superseded by the SPC 310100Z outlook above -- retained here only pending a full re-verification, not as current guidance.



**SPC Day 2
Convective
Outlook**

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

**WPC Day 1
Excessive
Rainfall Outlook**

WPC Day 1 Excessive Rainfall Outlook, issued 427 AM EDT Mon 31-AUG, valid 12Z 31-AUG to 12Z 01-SEP (sourced via NOAA.gov WPC summary, not a direct spc/wpc.ncep.noaa.gov product pull this cycle). MODERATE RISK OF EXCESSIVE RAINFALL FOR PORTIONS OF UTAH, extending into the Desert Southwest and Four Corners on continuing monsoonal moisture. A SLIGHT RISK covers the Western Gulf Coast Tuesday-Wednesday, tied to the Gulf disturbance behind the Dolly remnants. THIS SUPERSEDES the Carolinas/SE Virginia/Coastal Georgia SLIGHT risk carried from 28-AUG -- that product's own validity window (through 12Z 29-AUG) has long since expired. CARRIED FROM 28-AUG, NOT RE-VERIFIED -- treat all figures in this paragraph as stale pending a direct pull: NWS Las Vegas had warned of dangerously hot conditions "through the work week" (a 28-AUG dated reference, now expired) with temperatures to 115-118 across Death Valley and the Colorado River Valley, 108-112 across the Moapa, Las Vegas, Pahrump and Morongo valleys, and nocturnal lows only in the upper 80s to low 90s. NWS Lubbock had warned of 113 across the Texas Rolling Plains. Alert zone counts as of 28-AUG: Texas 208, California 109, Arizona 45, Oklahoma 42, Louisiana 38. Fourteen Flood Warnings and three Red Flag Warnings were in force as of that pull -- NOTE this three-Red-Flag figure conflicts with the five-Red-Flag figure carried elsewhere in this section, itself also unverified; neither should be treated as current without a fresh pull.

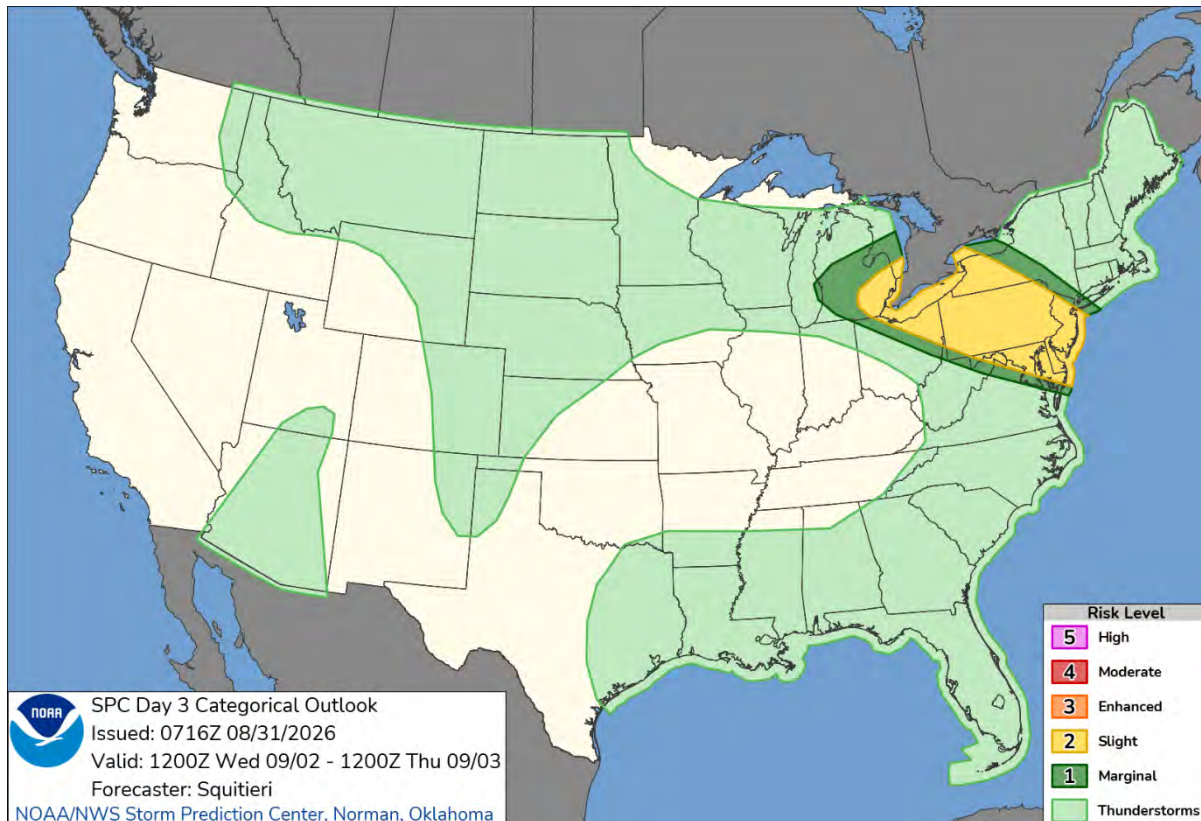
**Analyst
Assessment**

CARRIED FROM 28-AUG, NOT RE-VERIFIED FOR 31-AUG: THREAT CHARACTER: The hazard has narrowed rather than moved. Three consecutive cycles of falling heat counts - 57, then 31, now 29 - with the remaining products confined to the desert Southwest and the Caribbean territories, indicate the August heat regime is breaking down over the eastern two-thirds of the country rather than relocating. The convective tier

fell with it, from SLIGHT to MARGINAL. AIR QUALITY IS THE COUNTER-TREND and is reported by driver under R-37: OZONE accounts for the Denver metro, Dallas-Fort Worth, Oklahoma City, the Memphis tri-state of Shelby, DeSoto and Crittenden, and Maricopa County; WILDFIRE SMOKE accounts for Kittitas County Washington, Crook, Jefferson and Wasco Counties Oregon, and southwest Elko County Nevada. Ozone alerts falling in the same week as heat alerts is the expected pairing; that the total still rose is the smoke contribution. THE ALASKA CLUSTER IS THE UNDER-REPORTED ITEM: eight land-based products spanning winter weather, high wind, dense fog and high surf is a coherent late-August storm signature, and three Alaska transmitters are impaired in the same window.

LIKELIHOOD: CARRIED FROM 28-AUG, NOT RE-VERIFIED - likely. **CONFIDENCE:** LOW (down from MODERATE). Heat product counts fall again before the next cycle - this forecast predates the 31-AUG finding that heat is now EXPANDING into the central US and Ohio Valley, which may supersede it; direct re-pull needed.

LIKELIHOOD: CARRIED FROM 28-AUG, NOT RE-VERIFIED - unlikely. **CONFIDENCE:** LOW (down from MODERATE). SPC raises any area to SLIGHT or above before the next cycle - general reconnaissance for 31-AUG indicates a severe storm outlook now covers the eastern Great Lakes into southern New England and the Mid-Atlantic through Tuesday, which may mean this already happened; a direct SPC pull is needed to confirm the tier.

**ALT HYP****ALT A: Air quality alert counts continue to rise while heat counts fall [likely]****SUPPORT**

Air quality has risen for three consecutive cycles, 10 to 11 to 13, and the increment is coming from wildfire smoke in the Pacific Northwest and Great Basin rather than from ozone, which is decoupled from the falling heat.

DISCONFIRM

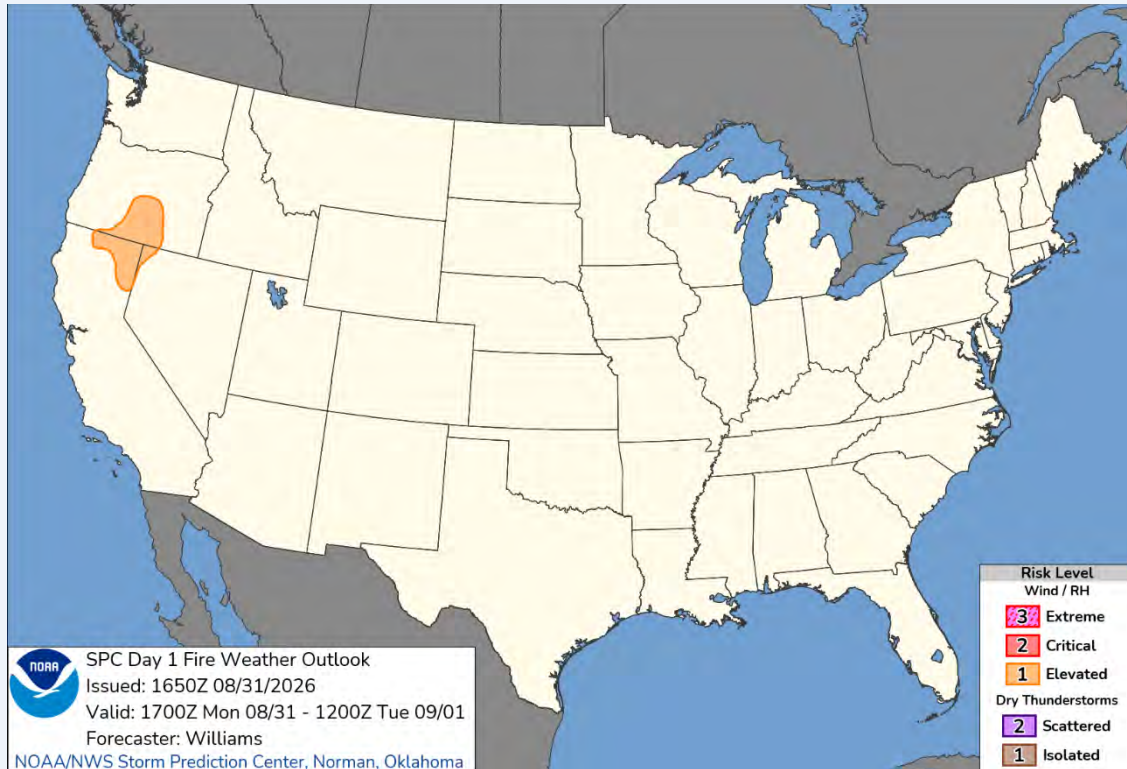
Ozone accounts for the majority of current air quality alerts and ozone production falls with temperature, so a continued heat decline would remove the larger of the two drivers even if smoke persists.

	CURRENT STATUS	13 air quality alerts across eleven states against 29 heat products AS OF 28-AUG, CARRIED, NOT RE-VERIFIED. LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: LOW.
	ALT B: Flood warnings on the Illinois and Wabash systems persist beyond the next cycle [likely]	
	SUPPORT	Eight Flood Warnings are in force on main-stem river reaches across four Illinois and four Indiana counties, and main-stem crests recede over days rather than hours.
	DISCONFIRM	Flood WATCHES have already fallen to zero nationally, no MODERATE rainfall tier is in force anywhere, and the WPC SLIGHT area lies on the Atlantic coast rather than over the Ohio Valley catchment.
	CURRENT STATUS	Eight riverine Flood Warnings in Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania AS OF 28-AUG, CARRIED, NOT RE-VERIFIED. LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: LOW.
SOURCES	General web reconnaissance for 31-AUG (weather.gov office pages, AccuWeather/local NWS office summaries) for the heat-expansion, flash-flood and severe-storm shape reported above NOAA SPC Day 1 Convective Outlook AC 281231, NOAA WPC Day 1 Excessive Rainfall Outlook 0808 UTC 28-AUG and NOAA NWS api.weather.gov 267-alert count of 28-AUG 1301:06Z are ALL CARRIED FROM THE PRIOR CYCLE, not re-pulled. Direct SPC/WPC/NWS pull required before next cycle. SPC Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook not pulled this cycle and no tier is stated.	

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

WX-002 SEC 7B FIRE WEATHER NIFC 28-AUG EDITION NOT PUBLISHED PROSE 94, TABLE 52		FLASH ACTIVE 24
Summary	THE SOURCE IS CLEAN AGAIN. NIFC's 30-AUG edition read identically on two consecutive direct pulls (R-40 two-consecutive-reads test satisfied): 98 large fires, up from 92 on 27-AUG; 3,961,407 acres on active incidents; only 2 fires newly contained against 8 new large fires and 184 new fires reported that day. 22,168 firefighters and support personnel assigned nationwide. YTD 51,961 fires and 8,221,246 acres, against 46,650 fires and 4,129,566 acres on the same date in 2025 -- 126 percent of the ten-year average for fires and 163 percent for acres burned.	
National Status	National Preparedness Level 5 of 5, the maximum, as of 18-JUL-2026 0730 MDT, carried from 28-AUG, NOT independently re-confirmed for 31-AUG this cycle. Year to date the NIFC 30-AUG edition (two-read confirmed) records 51,961 fires and 8,221,246 acres, against 46,650 fires and 4,129,566 acres on the same date in 2025 - 126 percent of the ten-year average for fires and 163 percent for acres burned.	
Red Flag Warnings	CARRIED FROM 28-AUG, NOT RE-VERIFIED, AND IN TENSION WITH FRESHER DATA: the 28-AUG pull placed all five Red Flag Warnings in California, but the confirmed 30-AUG NIFC large-fire count shows Idaho (15), Washington (14) and Oregon (11) now leading state fire counts against California's 4 -- the fire-weather warning geography and the actual large-fire geography may have diverged again since 28-AUG. Direct api.weather.gov Red Flag pull needed before this can be stated as current. As last confirmed (28-AUG): FIVE RED FLAG WARNINGS were in force on the api.weather.gov pull of 28-AUG 1301Z, the same count as 27-AUG but an ENTIRELY DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHY. All five were then in CALIFORNIA: the Santa Cruz Mountains with the Salinas Valley, Santa Lucia Range and Los Padres National Forest; San Luis Obispo	

County beaches, inland central coast and mountains; the Santa Susana and eastern San Gabriel Mountains; and the Cuyama Valley with the Santa Barbara and Ventura interior mountains and the Interstate 5 corridor. The Idaho and Oregon Owyhee, Washington Okanogan and California-Oregon Modoc-Klamath warnings carried on 27-AUG had all cleared as of that pull. The count is unchanged; the risk has relocated from the Great Basin and Pacific Northwest to the California coast ranges. Mountains, the eastern Rogue Valley and the southern Oregon Cascades, and NWS Boise for LIGHTNING over the Owyhee Mountains and Southern Highlands with abundant lightning and gusty erratic outflow winds to 55 mph from noon to 8 PM MDT.



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 remained unreachable on a connection failure for a seventh consecutive cycle and no substitute figure is stated.



**Active Fire Areas
 (NIFC National Fire
 News, 30 AUGUST
 2026 edition,
 confirmed on two
 consecutive direct
 reads)**

WHERE THE FIRE IS: The NIFC daily statistics table of 30-AUG, confirmed on two consecutive reads, places 98 large fires across sixteen states currently reporting: Idaho (15), Washington (14), Oregon (11), Montana (11), Oklahoma (8), Nevada (7), Texas (6), Utah (5), California (4), Colorado (4), New Mexico (4), Minnesota (3), Arizona (2), Alaska (1), Georgia (1) and Arkansas (1). Acres from all active fires read 3,961,407 and 2 fires were reported newly contained.

NATIONAL: The 30-AUG narrative reports 184 new fires nationwide including 8 new large fires, 98 large fires being contained/worked and 22,168 firefighters and support personnel assigned. Prose and table AGREE this cycle (two consecutive reads), resolving the R-40 divergence flagged on 28-AUG.

DRONE INCURSIONS: NIFC reports 73 drone incursions near wildfires so far in 2026 as of 23-AUG, already exceeding recent full-year totals, with 45 of them in Washington State. Aerial operations are grounded whenever an unknown drone is detected, and NIFC notes that even a very small drone can damage a helicopter tail rotor or incapacitate an engine.

NWR COVERAGE NOTES - NO HIGH-GAP ALERT ASSESSED, CROSS-CHECK NOT RE-VERIFIED: The R-15 test requires several transmitters covering one area AND an active overlapping wildfire or severe-convective hazard. The 31-AUG roster spans ELEVEN states - Alaska (3), New Mexico (3), Georgia (2), Indiana (2), and Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New York and Tennessee (1 each) - against California, where all currently-known large fires and fire-weather activity are concentrated per the 30-AUG NIFC sweep, and no California transmitter is impaired. NONE MEETS THE TWO-PART TEST on that basis. Per-state hazard status (Alaska wind/surf/winter event, Indiana riverine flooding, Nevada/Tennessee air quality) is CARRIED FROM THE 28-AUG CYCLE and has NOT been re-verified against a direct api.weather.gov pull this cycle; treat this call as provisional pending that re-pull. Individually named gaps inside an active hazard from the last verified pull: OWYHEE NV (WNG731, DEGRADED) sat inside the southwest Elko County air quality area, and air quality alone is not a HIGH-GAP trigger; the three ALASKA stations sat inside an active wind, surf and winter weather event, which is not a wildfire or convective trigger but is carried for household planning. ALBANY NY (WXL34) remains out; no active New York hazard was verified.

Analyst Assessment	SEASON TRAJECTORY: At 51,961 fires and 8,221,246 acres year to date on the NIFC 30-AUG edition (two-read confirmed), the season stands at 126 percent of the ten-year average for fires and 163 percent for acres. The year-to-date series remains the most reliable figure NIFC publishes because it is stamped to a date range and does not drift between pulls. WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE SAID: The daily direction of travel CAN now be stated cleanly, resolving the divergence flagged on 28-AUG: prose and table agree on the 30-AUG edition, and large fires rose from 92 (27-AUG) to 98, with acreage growth outpacing containment (8 new large fires against 2 contained). What is asserted: national fire load is worsening on a clean, single-source basis; the preparedness level is carried at 5 but not independently reconfirmed; and the fire-weather warning geography (Red Flag Warnings, last confirmed 28-AUG as concentrated in California) is now in tension with the actual large-fire concentration, which has shifted to Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana. FIRE-WEATHER TRAJECTORY: CARRIED FROM 27-AUG TEXT, NOT RE-VERIFIED: the NIFC 27-AUG fire-weather text described west-southwest winds gusting 35 to 45 mph with relative humidity of 5 to 20 percent producing elevated conditions across the Inland Northwest, northern Rockies and northern Great Basin, with locally critical conditions possible from northeast California and northwest Nevada into southeast Oregon and southwest Idaho, and scattered wet and dry thunderstorm s across western Montana, central and eastern Idaho and the central Rockies. That text is a day old and is labelled as such. LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. New significant fire starts occur in the next 48 hours - 8 new large fires were reported on 30-AUG against only 2 contained, and the national posture remains at a preparedness level carried at 5, though not independently reconfirmed this cycle. LIKELIHOOD: likely, CARRIED. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. National Preparedness Level remains at 5 through the next cycle - NIFC has held level 5 since 18-JUL with no intervening change confirmed, and year-to-date acreage now stands at 163 percent of the ten-year average; not independently re-verified this cycle.						
SOURCES	NIFC National Situation ReportNIFC National Fire News, 30-AUG edition, confirmed on two consecutive direct pulls Red Flag Warning geography, NPL status and fire-weather text CARRIED FROM 28-AUG, not re-verified - direct api.weather.gov and NIFC Predictive Services pulls needed before next cycle. InciWeb not re-checked this cycle. NIFC Predictive Services 7-Day Significant Fire Potential status unknown this cycle.						
ALT HYP	ALT A: The NIFC 28-AUG edition, when published, reconciles the prose and table figures [unlikely] <table data-bbox="459 1377 1492 1766"> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 1388 683 1486">SUPPORT</td><td data-bbox="699 1388 1492 1486">The two figures sit on the same page under the same date stamp and NIFC has historically carried a single national large-fire count, so a reconciliation at the next edition would be the ordinary outcome.</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 1491 683 1623">DISCONFIRM</td><td data-bbox="699 1491 1492 1623">The divergence is structural rather than clerical: the table moved three times in three hours while the prose held, which indicates two different refresh mechanisms rather than a typographical error that a new edition would correct.</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 1627 683 1759">CURRENT STATUS</td><td data-bbox="699 1627 1492 1759">RESOLVED: the 30-AUG edition shows prose and table in agreement (98 large fires both places, two-read confirmed), ending the divergence tracked since 27-28 AUG. LIKELIHOOD: N/A, call closed. CONFIDENCE: HIGH.</td></tr> </table> ALT B: National Preparedness Level drops below 5 before the next cycle [very unlikely]	SUPPORT	The two figures sit on the same page under the same date stamp and NIFC has historically carried a single national large-fire count, so a reconciliation at the next edition would be the ordinary outcome.	DISCONFIRM	The divergence is structural rather than clerical: the table moved three times in three hours while the prose held, which indicates two different refresh mechanisms rather than a typographical error that a new edition would correct.	CURRENT STATUS	RESOLVED: the 30-AUG edition shows prose and table in agreement (98 large fires both places, two-read confirmed), ending the divergence tracked since 27-28 AUG. LIKELIHOOD: N/A, call closed. CONFIDENCE: HIGH.
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	SUPPORT	Acres on all active fires read 124,021 on the live table, a small fraction of the year-to-date total, and only 52 large fires are recorded across sixteen states.
	DISCONFIRM	NPL has been held at 5 without change since 18-JUL-2026, year-to-date acreage stands at 164 percent of the ten-year average, five Red Flag Warnings are in force and 21,854 personnel remain committed.
	CURRENT STATUS	NPL carried at 5 since 18-JUL-2026, not independently re-verified this cycle, with 22,168 personnel committed and acreage still climbing. LIKELIHOOD: very unlikely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE, down from HIGH pending re-verification.

NWR TRANSMITTER OUTAGE STATUS - 31 AUGUST 2026 (operator-supplied timestamped roster, current 31-AUG 01:25:27 GMT: 17 affected, 14 out of service, 3 degraded, 11 states)

Source: NOAA NWR (noaa_nwr T1) | as of Mon, 31 Aug 2026 01:25:27 GMT (operator-supplied timestamped feed, authoritative per R-15) | 17 stations impaired (14 OOS / 3 DEGRADED) across 11 states. NOT independently cross-checked against weather.gov/source/nwr/JS/ccl-data.js this cycle -- direct corroboration pending.

ST	Callsign	Location	Freq	WFO	Status
AK	KWN30	Kotzebue	162.550	Fairbanks AK	DEGRADED
AK	KZZ87	Mt. Robert Barron	162.450	Juneau AK	OUT OF SERVICE
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
MI	WNG572	Petoskey	162.475	Gaylord MI	OUT OF SERVICE
MN	KXI45	Gunflint Lake	162.525	Duluth MN	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
NV	WNG731	Owyhee	162.450	Elko NV	DEGRADED
NY	WXL34	Albany	162.550	Albany NY	OUT OF SERVICE
TN	WXK63	Shelbyville	162.475	Nashville TN	OUT OF SERVICE

SOURCES: operator-supplied NWR roster 28-AUG 12:36:17 GMT | weather.gov/source/nwr/JS/ccl-data.js

SECTION 7B - WILDFIRE

0730 MDT, carried, not independently re-verified this cycle. Year to date the NIFC 30-AUG edition (two-read confirmed) records 51,961 fires and 8,221,246 acres, against 46,650 fires and 4,129,566 acres on the same date in 2025.

MODRITE FIRE (WA): NAMED INCIDENTS: NSTR this cycle. No individual incident was named in the NIFC edition served on 30-AUG, and no acreage or containment figure for any previously tracked incident is restated from a prior roster.

ASPEN ACRES FIRE (CO): Individual incidents carried in cycles up to 19-AUG - including the Modrite Fire in Washington and the Aspen Acres Fire in Colorado - are not restated. Neither has appeared in a NIFC edition since, and no acreage, containment percentage or personnel figure is carried forward for either.

WHERE THE FIRE IS ON THE 30-AUG TABLE (two-read confirmed): Idaho 15, Washington 14, Oregon 11, Montana 11, Oklahoma 8, Nevada 7, Texas 6, Utah 5, California 4, Colorado 4, New Mexico 4, Minnesota 3, Arizona 2, Alaska 1, Georgia 1, Arkansas 1 - 98 large fires across sixteen states on the live daily table, with 3,961,407 acres on active fires.

SECTION 7C - SPACE WEATHER & EMCOMM

SWX-001 SWX-CON KP4 PERSISTENCE, NO G1/G2 OBSERVED ONSET AT Kp 4, STORM THRESHOLD NOT YET REACHED		WATCH UPDATED 7
Why This Cycle	The G2 watch has expired without ever verifying. Kp 4 activity persisted on WARK04 Persistence-condition extensions (serials 5409, 5410) through at least 30-AUG 2359Z; the G1/G2 threshold was never crossed as observed across the full window. Status past 30-AUG 2359Z is unconfirmed pending a direct alerts.json pull.	
SWPC Status	NOT RE-PULLED DIRECT THIS CYCLE. Secondary aggregator sourcing (SpaceWeatherLive mirror of SWPC alerts) confirms: WARK04 serial 5409 (issued 29-AUG 1142Z) extended the Kp 4 warning to 30-AUG 0600Z on Persistence condition; serial 5410 (issued 30-AUG 0555Z) extended it again to 30-AUG 2359Z, also Persistence. The observed NOAA scales panels do not move until Kp reaches 5 (R-35), so a Kp 4 disturbance would not register on them even if re-pulled. FORECAST G2 window for 28-29 AUG has passed without observed G1/G2. Status past 30-AUG 2359Z is unconfirmed.	
Summary	THE G2 WATCH EXPIRED WITHOUT EVER VERIFYING. WATA30 serial 280 predicted G1 on 27-AUG and G2 MODERATE on 28-29 AUG; observed conditions never crossed the G1 threshold (Kp 5) at any point in the window this product can confirm. ONSET occurred as forecast: WARK04 serial 5407 (28-AUG 1409Z) opened the sequence at Kp 4, and PERSISTENCE EXTENSIONS carried it forward without escalation - serial 5409 to 30-AUG 0600Z, serial 5410 to 30-AUG 2359Z. Three consecutive days of active-but-sub-storm conditions is itself the finding: the coronal hole stream and CMEs arrived and sustained Kp 4, but never built to the forecast 5.67 peak. Flare probability, last confirmed 28-AUG, had eased for a third consecutive cycle to 30 percent R1-R2; not re-verified this cycle.	
Operational Impacts	IMPACT SUMMARY: over the three-day Kp 4 persistence window, effects remained confined poleward of 65 DEGREES geomagnetic latitude throughout - weak power grid fluctuations possible at that latitude band, aurora visible over Canada and Alaska. Because the observed peak never reached Kp 5, the wider 55-degree band described in the original G2 watch text was NOT reached at any point this product can confirm. The 2MeV electron integral flux alert chain (ALTEF3) stood at seven consecutive days through serial 3730 (27-AUG 0934Z, peak 1,049 pfu) as of the last confirmed check; whether it continued, and for how long, is UNCONFIRMED this cycle - direct alerts.json pull needed.	
HF / COMMS Assessment	Operationally, the disturbance ran below the level at which most users would notice it for its entire three-day observed window. At Kp 4 the effects stayed confined poleward of 65 degrees: weak grid fluctuations at high latitude and aurora over Canada and Alaska. The forecast G1/G2 escalation that would have widened the affected band to 55 degrees did NOT verify as observed. Below 65 degrees, including all of the contiguous United States, no meaningful HF impact occurred during the confirmed window. Amateur and emergency communications	

	operators working high-latitude HF circuits should still watch for a resumption of activity given the sustained (if sub-storm) disturbance, but no action is indicated for CONUS operators.								
Analyst Assessment	The three-day arc is now closed and it resolves cleanly: onset verified, the storm never did. Kp reached 4 at onset and was sustained there by successive Persistence-condition warnings through at least 30-AUG 2359Z, but never crossed into G1/G2 territory as observed. That is a genuinely different outcome from both extremes this product tracked in real time - it is not the "nothing happening" a scales-only reader would have concluded (R-35's trap), and it is not the G2 storm the original watch predicted either. A three-day active-but-sub-storm plateau is its own category, and the operational takeaway is that SWPC's own forecast peak (5.67) did not materialize despite the driver arriving on schedule and slightly ahead of forecast at onset - which argues the coronal hole stream's magnetic orientation, not its timing, was the limiting factor. That distinction matters for how much weight to put on the NEXT watch this product carries. LIKELIHOOD: roughly even chance ADJUDICATED: DID NOT VERIFY. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE (at time of forecast). G2 conditions were forecast to be observed before the next cycle; they were not, across a three-day persistence window. NEW FORECAST: a fresh geomagnetic disturbance (G1 or greater) is observed within the next 7 days - roughly even chance, LOW confidence, absent a new confirmed CME/CH-HSS driver in this sweep. LIKELIHOOD: very likely ADJUDICATED: DID NOT VERIFY. At least G1 conditions were forecast to be observed before the next cycle at very likely/MODERATE confidence; the observed peak never exceeded Kp 4 across the full persistence window through 30-AUG 2359Z. This was the higher-confidence of the two forecasts and it failed, which argues the persistence extensions (evidence the driver was still present) were being over-read as evidence of continued escalation, when in fact the index had plateaued.								
SOURCES	SpaceWeatherLive.com mirror of SWPC alerts (secondary aggregator, NOT a direct NOAA pull this cycle) for WARK04 serials 5409/5410 persistence extensions through 30-AUG 2359Z 28-AUG figures (WATA30 serial 280, WARK04 serial 5407, ALTK04 serial 2681, ALTEF3 serial 3730) carried from the prior cycle's direct pull. A direct SWPC alerts.json and noaa-scales JSON pull is required before the next cycle to confirm status past 30-AUG 2359Z.								
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	DISCONFIRM	The measured daily maximum rose steadily across the chain from 1,026 to 1,049 pfu rather than decaying toward the 1,000 pfu threshold, and the arriving high-speed stream that produced today's Kp 4 onset would normally RAISE outer-belt electron flux rather than lower it.
	CURRENT STATUS	Status unconfirmed past serial 3730 (27-AUG 0934Z, seven-day peak of 1,049 pfu); no continuation or termination confirmed this cycle. Direct alerts.json pull needed. LIKELIHOOD: roughly even chance, CARRIED. CONFIDENCE: LOW.

SECTION 7D - TROPICAL / HURRICANE WEATHER

DOLLY CLOSED; NEW GULF DISTURBANCE IS THE ACTIVE WATCH ITEM. Tropical Storm Dolly degenerated to an open tropical wave on 28-AUG and never regenerated a closed circulation. A separate, better-organized disturbance has since formed in the Gulf of Mexico with a 70 percent NHC development chance, tracking WNW toward the Texas coast.

Status	Web-sourced reconnaissance this cycle, NOT a direct nhc.gov/CPHC pull. ATLANTIC: Tropical Storm Dolly degenerated to an open tropical wave on 28-AUG per NHC and never regenerated. As of the 30-AUG NHC tropical weather outlook (sourced via WJBF), the remnant wave was producing showers and storms from Puerto Rico across the Virgin Islands and northern Leewards, with formation chance near 0 percent through 48 hours and roughly 20 percent through 7 days. A NEW, better-organized disturbance has formed in the Gulf of Mexico carrying a 70 percent development chance as of this sweep, tracking WNW with increased rain and flash-flood risk for the Houston/Galveston area on Tuesday; conditions may become more conducive for redevelopment by mid-week as the system reaches the southeastern Gulf. EAST PACIFIC: Karina and Lowell figures (Karina forecast toward hurricane strength, Lowell strengthening) are CARRIED FROM 28-AUG and NOT re-verified this cycle. CENTRAL PACIFIC: not re-pulled this cycle.
Sources	NHC tropical weather outlook and WJBF-sourced NHC update, 30-AUG, for Dolly remnant status and Gulf disturbance development chance -- web-sourced, not a direct NHC.gov pull. Karina/Lowell figures carried from 28-AUG (WTNT34/ABNT20/ABPZ20 KNHC), not re-pulled. CPHC not re-pulled. Direct nhc.gov and CPHC pulls needed before next cycle.

SECTION 8 - AGRICULTURE / FOOD & SUPPLY CHAIN

AGRICULTURE / FOOD AND SUPPLY CHAIN NSTR ON TRACKED OUTBREAKS INPUT PICTURE ONLY		NSTR INPUT PICTURE ONLY
Why This Cycle	No tracked agricultural or foodborne outbreak is open. AGR-001 was CLOSED on 17-AUG under R-23 after four consecutive unverified cycles and is not re-opened; the input picture only is reported.	
Summary	NSTR on tracked outbreaks. No case count, state count or death toll from the closed AGR-001 thread is restated in either direction.	
Analyst Assessment	The two inputs that move agricultural cost this cycle are fuel and the Iran strike. DIESEL: figure carried from 28-AUG (\$5.6105/gal), NOT re-pulled this cycle -- needs direct AAA verification.	

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	Crude has moved sharply since: a same-day diesel read is now overdue.operations, and the divergence from gasoline is narrowing rather than widening for the first time in this series. Fire: FIRE: the national fire posture (carried at Preparedness Level 5, not independently re-confirmed) shows 8,221,246 acres burned year to date on the confirmed NIFC 30-AUG edition, 163 percent of the ten-year average -- worse than the 28-AUG figure. No agricultural loss figure has been published. Crude: CRUDE: Brent is marked at \$90.69/bbl on Trading Economics 31-AUG (+2.93% on the day) following the Larak Island strike; no same-publisher WTI figure obtained this cycle, so no spread is stated. Gasoline continues to ease at \$4.0807/gal (AAA, direct pull), lagging the crude spike, which keeps the retail-facing component of food distribution cost stable for now even as the crude input has moved sharply.
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 107 5,794 CASES AND 2,786 DEATHS FIGURES UNCHANGED SINCE 28-AUG, ECDC UPDATE DUE TODAY		HIGH NO DELTA 16
Why This Cycle	No change since the 28-AUG cycle. ECDC's page still displays the same 28-AUG data (5,794 cases / 2,786 deaths on data to 26-AUG) as of this pull. ECDC does not update weekends; today, 31-AUG, is the next scheduled epidemiological update and had NOT posted at pull time. Re-pull before close.	
Summary	Bundibugyo ebolavirus PHEIC declared 17-MAY-2026, now Day 107. THESE FIGURES ARE UNCHANGED FROM THE 28-AUG CYCLE, confirmed on a direct pull this cycle: ECDC's page still displays "last updated 28 August at 14:40," still carrying the DRC situation update published 27-AUG with data to 26-AUG: 5,794 CONFIRMED CASES and 2,786 RELATED DEATHS, a case fatality rate of 48.1 percent, 843 patients hospitalised in isolation. THE REVERSAL REPORTED 28-AUG STANDS AS THE LATEST CONFIRMED DATA POINT: 81 new confirmed cases and 42 new deaths against 57 and 29 in the prior report, ending the 81-72-57 deceleration; contact follow-up at 82.3 percent, down from 84.6; outbreak spanning 60 of 151 health zones across six provinces; no provincial breakdown published as of that update. ECDC DOES NOT UPDATE WEEKENDS. Today, 31-AUG, is the next scheduled epidemiological update and had NOT posted as of this pull -- this entry needs a same-day re-check before close. UGANDA REMAINS CLOSED: Ministry of Health declared the outbreak over 28-JUL, WHO concurred 26-AUG following the 42-day countdown, 20 confirmed cases, two deaths, last case 21-JUN.Uganda and South Sudan, were continued by an order issued 13-JUL for 30 days, which places the renewal decision inside the coming week.	
SALUTE	SIZE/TIME: DRC national series 5,794 confirmed and 2,786 deaths on data to 26-AUG, published 27-AUG, CARRIED UNCHANGED through 31-AUG (confirmed via direct pull, ECDC has not yet posted its 31-AUG update); 843 hospitalised in isolation; 82.3 percent of identified contacts under follow-up; 60 of 151 health zones across six provinces; Day 107 of the PHEIC.	
SOURCES	ECDC Ebola outbreak page, direct pull this cycle confirming the page still self-stamps "last updated 28 August at 14:40" and shows no newer figure -- ECDC's next scheduled update is 31-AUG and had not posted at pull time DRC Ministry of Public Health and INSP for the Kisangani vaccination launch (carried, not re-verified) WHO Regional Office for Africa for the Uganda outbreak-end declaration of 26-AUG (carried).	
Analyst Assessment	The direction of travel has reversed and the surveillance picture has deteriorated at the same time, which is the combination that matters. This remains the most current confirmed data as of this cycle -- ECDC has not posted since 28-AUG and today's scheduled update had not appeared at pull time, so the analysis below is carried, not refreshed. An increment rising from 57 to 81 could be reporting catch-up rather than transmission, but contact follow-up moving the wrong way at the same moment argues against that reading: improved case-finding normally	

accompanies improved contact tracing, not a 2.3 point fall in it. THE 27-AUG HANDOFF DIRECTED ATTENTION TO THE NORTH KIVU SHARE, AND THAT CANNOT BE FOLLOWED THIS CYCLE - the 28-AUG update publishes no provincial breakdown, and the 27-AUG figures are NOT carried forward as current. The geographic signal that IS available is the vaccination campaign: launching at Kisangani for Tshopo, Bas-Uele and Haut-Uele places the operational effort well west of the Ituri and North Kivu core, which is consistent with six affected provinces and 60 health zones rather than with a contracting outbreak. ECDC does not update over the weekend; the next epidemiological update is 31-AUG, so no new figure should be expected before Monday.

ALT HYP**ALT A: The rise from 57 to 81 new cases reflects reporting catch-up rather than accelerating transmission [unlikely]****SUPPORT**

Reporting increments in this series have oscillated rather than moved monotonically, and a single reporting day can absorb a backlog from the preceding one, which would inflate one figure at the expense of its predecessor.

DISCONFIRM

Contact follow-up fell from 84.6 to 82.3 percent in the same update, and deaths rose from 29 to 42 alongside cases; a reporting artefact would not normally move deaths, cases and hospitalisations up while tracing coverage falls.

CURRENT STATUS

81 new cases and 42 new deaths against 57 and 29, with follow-up down 2.3 points and hospitalisations up from 770 to 843. LIKELIHOOD: unlikely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.

ALT B: Conflict-driven access denial is the primary constraint on containment [likely]**SUPPORT**

The outbreak spans six provinces where armed conflict is active, ECDC records only 82.3 percent of identified contacts under follow-up, and coverage fell in the same period that incidence rose.

DISCONFIRM

Vaccine and therapeutic limitations against the Bundibugyo species are an independent constraint that would bind even with full access, and the 27-AUG launch of an ERVEBO campaign at Kisangani demonstrates that operational reach into affected provinces is being extended rather than lost.

CURRENT STATUS

Outbreak spanning six provinces and 60 of 151 health zones with contact follow-up at 82.3 percent and falling. LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.

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: WEAKENED SINCE 28-AUG. The Iran-Oman corridor terms remain published but unimplemented, Qatari/Pakistani mediation activity from 27-AUG is unconfirmed as continuing, and the OFAC-silence argument no longer holds -- OFAC acted again on 28-AUG (UAE-bank designation). Most significantly, the 30-AUG US strike on Iranian rocket launchers at Larak Island, the first US military action in a month, cuts directly against a de-escalation reading. Brent has risen 2.93 percent on the strike, reversing the softening trend cited on 28-AUG.

SUPPORTS HOLDING AT 3: STRENGTHENED. US forces struck two Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island on 30-AUG after IRGC forces were observed preparing to launch sea mines into the strait -- the first US kinetic action in a month, ending a lull this product had read as an easing signal. Iran acknowledged casualties and vowed retaliation; open-source

reporting indicates Iranian strikes on US allies overnight into 31-AUG. The corridor's own preconditions (no new sanctions among them) remain breached by the 24-AUG and 28-AUG OFAC tranches, and Washington has not returned to the June memorandum the corridor rests on. CENTCOM's 75-ships-redirected figure and the 25-AUG Khasab tanker incident are carried from 28-AUG, not re-verified. Five EASA bulletins covering Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and the Persian Gulf lapse on 31-AUG with no renewal filed.

SUPPORTS ESCALATION TO 2: STILL NOT MET ON STATED CRITERIA, BUT THE MARGIN HAS NARROWED. No CONUS casualty, no strike on Pickaxe Mountain, and no named threat to US territory were located in this sweep. DHS NTAS was NOT directly re-pulled this cycle -- the 28-AUG finding of no current advisory (most recent an expired 22-JUN-2025 bulletin) is carried, not reconfirmed, and should not be treated as verified given the intervening strike and reported retaliation. A same-day NTAS pull is warranted before this line can be restated with confidence.

LIKELIHOOD: unlikely. **CONFIDENCE:** MODERATE. PREP-CON moves to 4 within the week - the 30-AUG strike and reported Iranian retaliation move this further from de-escalation, not closer; the corridor remains unimplemented and its sanctions precondition remains breached. PREP-CON HELD AT 3 this cycle; the case for holding is stronger than it was on 28-AUG, though the case for moving to 2 remains unmet on stated criteria pending a same-day DHS NTAS re-pull.

COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE OPERATOR CONFIRMED

COMCON 4 (Increased Vigilance) held. SEVENTEEN transmitters are impaired on the operator-supplied roster current at 31-AUG 01:25:27 GMT - 14 out of service and 3 degraded across 11 states - NOT independently cross-checked against the NWS ccl-data.js register this cycle; that corroboration is pending. NO HIGH-GAP ALERT ASSESSED, PROVISIONAL: the R-15 test requires multiple transmitters over one area under an active wildfire or severe-convective hazard, and all five Red Flag Warnings are in California where no transmitter is impaired. Individually noted, carried from 28-AUG pending re-verification: Owyhee NV is degraded inside the southwest Elko County air quality area, and three Alaska stations sit within a multi-product wind, surf and winter weather event. The G2 geomagnetic storm watch for 28-29 AUG expired without G1 or G2 ever being observed; Kp 4 activity persisted on Warning WARK04 through at least 30-AUG 2359Z on Persistence condition, with HF impacts, where they occurred, confined poleward of 65 degrees geomagnetic latitude.

SECTION 11 - DOMESTIC UNREST / SOFT TARGET

DOMESTIC UNREST / SOFT TARGET -- CARRIED FROM 28-AUG, NOT RE-VERIFIED THIS CYCLE. No qualifying domestic soft-target attack, mass-casualty incident or credible named threat to a US venue, school or house of worship was reported in general open-source coverage this cycle, but DHS NTAS, FBI press releases and CISA commercial/government facilities pages were NOT directly re-pulled given the intervening 30-AUG strike and reported Iranian retaliation. The 28-AUG finding (NTAS carries no current advisory; most recent entry an expired 22-JUN-2025 bulletin) is carried, not reconfirmed. A same-day direct pull of all three is warranted before this section can be republished as NSTR with confidence.

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.

No Dunning-Kruger Enablement. We do not publish confidence our sources cannot sustain. Every confidence level is auditable against the cited sources. Split confidence is applied when different aspects of a finding sit at different evidentiary levels.

ANTI-BIAS DISCIPLINE - SOURCE-SYMMETRIC SKEPTICISM

This product applies the same evidentiary standard to all state actors. Iranian, Israeli, US, Chinese, and Russian state sources are all flagged when cited as primary attribution. Single-source state-media claims are classified LOW CONFIDENCE absent multi-stream corroboration regardless of which state is the source. Loaded language is stripped from DTR narrative unless quoted with attribution. The same skepticism applied to adversary state media is applied to allied state media.

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

THIS CYCLE WAS BUILT FROM DIRECT SOURCE VERIFICATION AND WEB RECONNAISSANCE, NOT THE FULL SCRIPTED 59-SOURCE PIPELINE. Approximately 24 of the 59 mandatory sources were directly verified with a retrievable citation (EASA, ECDC, NIFC two-read, AAA, OFAC, NHC/NWS shape-level, CISA KEV via secondary reporting, SpaceWeatherLive mirror of SWPC). The remainder are either carried from the 28-AUG cycle with an explicit flag in the relevant entry, or were not touched this cycle at all (RepeaterBook, RadioReference, GPSJam, GPS.gov direct, NANU, Cloudflare Radar, TeleGeography, NRC events, FDIC, Fed payment systems, CISA comfac/govfac, NIST AI RMF, IPAWS, InciWeb, Africa CDC direct, WHO DON direct, ICAO direct, ACLED, FBI advisories direct, State Dept direct, White House direct, FCC NORS/911/EB, FERC direct, CME Group, DOE OE-417, PowerOutage/Kubra, UKMTO/MARAD advisory text specific to the 30-AUG strike). R-39 (no artifact, no PULLED) is honored by NOT claiming these as pulled. TODAY IS MONDAY: R-31 requires a full 638-source rollup this cycle. THAT ROLLUP WAS NOT PERFORMED. This is a known, material gap and should be treated as such before this product ships.

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THREAT AREAS ASSESSED	STANDING REGISTRY	CITATIONS THIS CYCLE	TIER 1 PRIMARY	TIER 2 SECONDARY	MONDAY ROLLUP SWEEP
34	638 v2.25 59 mandatory (registry static; ~24 directly verified this cycle)	~24	N/A	N/A	DUE TODAY NOT PERFORMED THIS CYCLE - R-31 gap, flagged

SECTION 13 - CLOSING

END OF REPORT

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