

DTR LITE -- Executive Brief

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Friday, 14 August 2026 | Executive and director-level brief



⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 -- BROWN SKY -- INCIDENT PROBABLE ⚠

Friday, 14 August 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 168 | Hormuz Day 168 | MOU VOID 16-JUL | IAEA Blackout Day 167 | Ebola PHEIC Day 90 | SWX-CON NSTR

COMCON 4 -- INCREASED VIGILANCE (see CYB-001 below for full detail)

WX-CON 3 GUARDED (escalation recommendation closed at 3 on 13-AUG; not re-opened -- see the wildfire entry below)

SWX-CON NSTR (SWPC noaa-scales pulled 14-AUG: R0, S0 and G0 observed, G0 forecast on all three forward days; no SWPC product has been issued since 15-JUL)

Publication (UTC)	14 AUGUST 2026 / Cycle close 1600 UTC
Reporting Period	13-AUG-2026 1600Z through 14-AUG-2026 1600Z
SOP	v5.64 Addendum ICD 203/206 Compliant Registry v2.25 47/59 mandatory sources live-pulled, 12 not reached and declared (see DTR Full Section 12)

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 14-AUG-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 168 | MOU VOID 16-JUL | IAEA Blackout Day 167

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | WX-CON 3 GUARDED | **SWX-CON NSTR (all three scales at zero)** | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | 22 NWR OOS/DEGRADED (19 OOS / 3 DEGRADED across 16 states; see DTR Full for the per-transmitter table)

FLASH TROP-001 -- TROPICAL STORM LALA, HURRICANE WARNING FOR HAWAII COUNTY

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED, HURRICANE STRENGTH FORECAST ON APPROACH SATURDAY --

Tropical Storm Lala (CPHC Advisory 8, 0900 UTC 14-AUG) is 455 miles east-southeast of Hilo at 60 mph and 997 mb, moving west-northwest at 10 mph. A HURRICANE WARNING is in force for Hawaii County and a TROPICAL STORM WATCH for Maui County. CPHC forecasts steady strengthening and expects Lala to reach hurricane strength as it approaches the Big Island, with hurricane conditions there by early Saturday. Forecast rainfall is 8 to 12 inches across Maui and the Big Island with local maxima to 25 inches, which CPHC warns may produce life-threatening flooding and mudslides in steep terrain; storm surge 1 to 3 feet. Governor Josh Green signed a statewide emergency proclamation on 13-AUG, effective to 27-AUG, activating the Major Disaster Fund and authorising the Hawaii National Guard. Hawaii County shelters open at 1800 local today. Hawaiian Airlines is cutting interisland services from this afternoon including Hilo; mainland and international flights are operating normally at issuance. The 11-AUG derecho thread is CLOSED: the utility feed served a 24-hour-old payload and no outage figure is restated. Residual Ohio Valley flooding is carried under the weather entry.

FLASH WILDFIRE Uncontained large fires fall to 95 -- Sec 7B

UNCONTAINED LARGE FIRES 101 TO 95, NAMED LIST CONTRACTS TO ONE,

NPL 5 OF 5 -- All national figures below are the NIFC 13-AUG edition, which runs a day behind publication and is labelled as such rather than restated as current. Uncontained large fires fell from 101 to 95 with 4 new large fires and 103 new fires in the prior period; 29,058 personnel are committed nationally. Year to date 46,636 fires and 6,485,336 acres, 125% and 154% of ten-year averages. NPL holds at 5 of 5 as of 18-JUL-2026 0730 MDT. NIFC now names only Little Giant (WA) as continuing to exhibit active fire behaviour, threatening structures and critical infrastructure with evacuations and area, road and trail closures in effect; the Northwest holds 43 of the 95.

HIGH CYB-001 Catalogue static three days; two deadlines fall TODAY	CATALOGUE HOLDS AT 1,665 -- TWO DEADLINES FALL TODAY, 14-AUG -- No KEV entry has been added since 11-AUG, a three-day pause; the catalogue stands at 1,665 on version 2026.08.11, released 11-AUG 1859Z and pulled directly this cycle. Both remaining deadlines expire at end of day. CVE-2026-20349, Cisco Secure Firewall ASA and Threat Defense, a heap inspection flaw allowing an unauthenticated remote attacker to force an unexpected device reload and cause denial of service, due 14-AUG. CVE-2026-72898, Metabase, an unauthenticated SQL injection yielding administrator access to the instance, due 14-AUG. CVE-2026-68820, Microsoft Windows Ancillary Function Driver for WinSock, use-after-free local privilege escalation, due 25-AUG. Two of the three carry a three-day remediation window against the 21-day norm, which is CISA signalling urgency rather than routine cataloguing. Nothing falls due today. CVE-2026-18577 remains an incomplete-patch follow-on to CVE-2026-18556; both deadlines have elapsed, making that pairing a compliance finding while the exposure is unchanged for anyone who patched only once
MONITOR CYB-004 Water and wastewater OT campaign -- no new CISA product	NO NEW CISA PRODUCT ON THE CAMPAIGN -- CISA published fourteen ICS advisories dated 13-AUG. None concerns the Iran-linked water and wastewater OT campaign, which stands last confirmed 04-AUG on the joint FBI, EPA and CISA advisory of 30-JUL as expanded; no state count, utility name or system total is restated. Two of the fourteen touch the sector indirectly and are worth checking against your own estate: AVEVA Enterprise SCADA and Haiwell IoT Cloud HMI Gateway
HIGH PHS-002 Ebola Day 90 -- DRC series re-pulled, prior pairing corrected	DRC 4,566 / 2,128 TO 11-AUG -- WHO 3,605 / 1,589 TO 30-JUL -- The DRC national series was re-pulled via ECDC this cycle. Two official counts are running and are never mixed. The DRC national series, on data to 11-AUG, reads 4,566 confirmed cases and 2,128 deaths, with 570 patients hospitalised in isolation and 53 of 140 health zones affected across five provinces - an increase of 117 cases and 67 deaths in a single reporting day. ECDC records 82.4 percent of identified contacts under follow-up, which is a tracing shortfall rather than a testing one. CORRECTION: the 13-AUG brief paired 4,381 confirmed cases with 2,061 deaths; those figures came from two different reports and the correct pairing at that date was 4,449 and 2,061. WHO DON 614 remains the last WHO issuance at 3,605 DRC confirmed and 1,589
WATCH SWX-001 Geomagnetic field quiet, fourth consecutive cycle	ALL THREE NOAA SCALES AT ZERO -- NO PRODUCT IN FORCE -- The SWPC noaa-scales product pulled 14-AUG reads R0 none, S0 none and G0 none observed, with G0 forecast on each of the three forward days. Four consecutive cycles of flat scales and thirty days without an SWPC product means space weather is not competing for operator attention this weekend, which matters because Hawaii operators have a real demand on theirs. The HF path is clean, so any communications difficulty around Lala will be terrestrial infrastructure rather than propagation. The most recent issuance in the SWPC alerts and warnings feed remains 15-JUL,
SEC 7 WEATHER SPC SLIGHT holds, WPC MODERATE moves to Iowa and Illinois	WX-001 -- THE TIER HELD AND THE MAP MOVED. SPC AC 140557, valid 141200Z-151200Z, keeps a SLIGHT risk but relocates it to 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; MLCAPE 2,000 to 3,500 J/kg against 30 to 35 knots of deep-layer shear favours bowing segments with severe gusts and embedded hail. The WPC Day 1 Excessive Rainfall Outlook, valid 12Z 14-AUG to 12Z 15-AUG, has moved its MODERATE risk OFF Indiana and onto the same Iowa-Illinois corridor, with guidance-exceedance probabilities above 50 percent and precipitable water near 2.4 inches. Two independent products agreeing on one axis is a stronger signal than either alone. Indiana is now in recession rather than under fresh forcing: 45 of its 61 active alerts are Flood Warnings on falling rivers, against 283 active alerts nationally.
SEC 7D Tropical -- see TROP-001; one named system, one land warning	TROPICAL STORM LALA -- HURRICANE WARNING IN FORCE, HAWAII COUNTY -- Full detail is at TROP-001 above. Direct CPHC and nhc.gov pulls this cycle carry one named system with a US land warning: Tropical Storm Lala, 60 mph, 997 mb, 455 miles east-southeast of Hilo, under a Hurricane Warning for Hawaii County and a Tropical Storm Watch for Maui County. There is no active Atlantic tropical cyclone. Anyone with Hawaii exposure is now past the monitoring stage and into execution

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

1. Hawaii Operations -- Execution Window Is Today, Not the Weekend: A Hurricane Warning is in force for Hawaii County and the state is under an emergency proclamation to 27-AUG. If you hold staff, travel, freight or facilities in Hawaii, the preparation window closes today: hurricane conditions are expected on the Big Island by early Saturday. Confirm generator fuel and runtime and water reserves at Big Island and Maui sites, move outbound freight ahead of the interisland cuts starting this afternoon, and expect road severance rather than roof damage to be the constraint - the forecast is 8 to 12 inches with local maxima to 25 inches on terrain that steep. Mainland and international flights are running normally at issuance, so the disruption to plan around is between islands. Hawaii County shelters open at 1800 local today.

Note the aggregator discipline point that still applies from the Ohio Valley event: public outage aggregators diverged 34-fold from the utility feed at the same hour. Call the utility

2. Wildfire -- Load Eases Nationally, Ignition Risk Moves to the Southern Plains: Uncontained large fires fell from 101 to 95 and NIFC now names only Little Giant (WA) in active fire behaviour. Do not read that as the season easing: the Northwest still holds 43 of the 95, and three incidents named yesterday dropped out of the national narrative without being declared contained. The change worth acting on is geographic. NIFC forecasts widespread elevated to critical conditions in the southern Plains, with southerly gusts to 40 mph against 10 to 25 percent humidity across Texas, Oklahoma and eastern New Mexico - a new-start problem in a region carrying no current large-incident load. Dry thunderstorms continue over the Cascades, the Sierra Front and now the Olympic Peninsula.

3. Cyber -- Two Federal Deadlines Fall TODAY, 14-AUG: The window closes at end of day. If you run Cisco Secure Firewall ASA or Threat Defense, CVE-2026-20349 is unauthenticated, remote and due today - the failure mode is that the appliance protecting the network becomes the means of taking it down. If you run Metabase, CVE-2026-72898 is unauthenticated to administrator on a platform that typically holds broad database credentials, also due 14-AUG; treat it as a lateral-movement problem rather than a single-application one. Both windows are three days rather than the usual 21. The N-able pairing has elapsed

4. Water and Wastewater Operators -- No New CISA Product on the Campaign: CISA published fourteen ICS advisories dated 13-AUG, none of them on the Iran-linked OT campaign, which stands last confirmed 04-AUG. AVEVA Enterprise SCADA and Haiwell IoT Cloud HMI Gateway are in that batch and are worth checking against your own estate. Treat the absence of a campaign update as an absence of information,

5. Public Health -- Two Counts, Fifteen Days Apart: The DRC national series was re-pulled via ECDC and stands at 4,566 confirmed and 2,128 deaths on data to 11-AUG, while WHO still publishes 3,605 DRC confirmed and 1,589 deaths as of 30-JUL, now fifteen days old. The gap is 961 cases and 539 deaths, so anyone briefing from WHO alone is a thousand cases behind. If you brief on this, cite one series with its as-of and never compute a delta across the two. CDC holds US risk low with no domestic cases

6. Midwest -- Flash-Flood Risk Moves to Iowa and Illinois: The MODERATE excessive-rainfall risk has moved off Indiana and onto central and southern Iowa into west-central Illinois, and SPC has its SLIGHT severe-wind risk on the same corridor. WPC expects scattered to numerous flash flooding this afternoon into tonight, some of it locally significant, with training convection on the southern flank. If you hold sites or distribution in that corridor, today is the event day. Indiana is the opposite case: 45 of its 61 alerts are Flood Warnings on falling rivers, which is a recovery-access problem rather than a forcing one - route around closures rather than bracing for new impact. Note one communications gap: the Hillsboro IL NWR transmitter is out of service inside the MODERATE area, so adjacent transmitters and WEA are the fallback there. Prior-cycle geography carries forward unchanged and was not re-pulled for a second consecutive cycle

CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE CONTINUED/ESCALATING IRAN CONFLICT

Energy / fuel: 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 regular at \$4.0776/gal on 14-AUG against \$4.0360 on 12-AUG, a 48-hour delta of plus 4.16 cents, with daily diesel up 6.90 cents over the same window to \$5.4265/gal. 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. EIA on-highway diesel reads \$5.257/gal for the week ending 10-AUG on a weekly cadence.

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. ADNOC reports minor damage and no injuries; UKMTO confirmed two vessels damaged; the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs attributed the attacks to Iran and called them piracy. Commercial shipping in the Strait is being attacked while both governments harden, which is the practical planning assumption for anyone with Gulf freight exposure. No Kpler transit figure and no CENTCOM vessel-redirection figure are restated; neither was re-verified. MARAD returned HTTP 403 for a fifth consecutive cycle and no advisory number is restated. AVIATION: EASA advises 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 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. GNSS interference across Gulf FIRs is a standing condition.

Escalation trajectory: Both capitals moved away from settlement on 13-AUG, and in the same direction. Treasury Secretary Bessent told Newsmax the US will apply economic isolation measures unlike any seen before, with announcements next week, alongside a continued blockade of Iranian ports; War Secretary Hegseth said the Navy can hold that blockade indefinitely by rotating ships. Mohsen Rezaei, appointed Supreme National Security Council secretary at the weekend, added release of frozen Iranian funds and a region-wide ceasefire to Tehran conditions for reopening the Strait. The drone attacks on two ADNOC tankers arrived hours after the Hegseth remarks. Plan for a longer standoff rather than a nearer so

No direct US-household action required today -- this remains a monitoring item unless you have direct exposure (travel, shipping, fuel-dependent operations). The action items this cycle are domestic: a Hurricane Warning for Hawaii

County with hurricane conditions expected by early Saturday, and a WPC MODERATE flash-flood risk across Iowa and Illinois today. Households in the west

NUMBER STRIP -- CURRENT-CYCLE MOVING VALUES

BRENT CRUDE	PUMP AVG (NAT)	NWR AFFECTED	WILDFIRE	EBOLA PHEIC
\$87.18/bbl (14-AUG mark)	\$4.0776	23	95 uncontained	4,566 confirmed (2,128 deaths)
48-hour delta MINUS 74 cents against \$87.92 on 12-AUG, both Trading Economics marks on the same series; up close to 5% on the week; CFD mark, live pull, not an ICE settle; WTI \$81.66/bbl on the same pull, Brent-WTI spread \$5.52	AAA national average, 14-AUG -- 48-hour delta PLUS 4.16c against \$4.0360 on 12-AUG; rising on every AAA horizon: week-ago \$4.0422, month-ago \$3.8587, year-ago \$3.1601; AAA daily diesel \$5.4265/gal, up 6.90c over 48 hours; EIA on-highway diesel \$5.257/gal for the week ending 10-AUG on a weekly cadence. The	operator-supplied timestamped roster as of 14-AUG 1125 UTC -- 19 OOS / 3 DEGRADED across 16 states; no HIGH-GAP ALERT; Hillsboro IL is out of service inside today MODERATE excessive-rainfall area; no Hawaii transmitter is affected, so coverage across the Hurricane Warning area is intact	NPL 5 of 5 46,636 fires / 6,485,336 acres YTD, 154% of the ten-year average Little Giant (WA) is the only incident NIFC names in active fire behaviour the Northwest holds 43 of the 95 NIFC 13-AUG edition. Big Grass, Wrights Spring and Sinlahekin dropped out of the national narrative without being declared contained and are not carried on figures; an incident leaving the lead is not an incident contained	DRC national series via ECDC, data to 11-AUG, plus 117 cases and 67 deaths in one reporting day WHO holds separately at 3,605 DRC confirmed / 1,589 deaths as of 30-JUL Day 90

KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 TROPICAL STORM LALA: A WATCH BECAME A WARNING INSIDE ONE CYCLE:

CORRECTION TO THE 13-AUG ASSESSMENT: a US watch or warning for the Hawaiian Islands was assessed UNLIKELY before this cycle. A Hurricane Warning is now in force for Hawaii County. 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. Lala is 455 miles east-southeast of Hilo at 60 mph and 997 mb and is forecast to reach hurricane strength on approach Saturday. The operational hazard is water rather than wind: 8 to 12 inches with local maxima to 25 inches on terrain of extreme relief is a debris-flow and road-severance problem, and the 1 to 3 foot surge forecast sitting beside it may cause coastal readers to under-weight the rainfall. A practitioner keying decisions to the storm category alone would read this as a lesser escalation when it is day two. GEO-CF-IRAN was not re-checked in this window; last confirmed 11-AUG, Araghchi stating Iran is not in direct talks with Washington, citing breaches of the June interi

LIKELIHOOD: Flash-flood warnings issued inside the Iowa-Illinois MODERATE area before the next cycle: VERY LIKELY -- WPC assesses guidance-exceedance probabilities above 50 percent with coverage over 25 percent. Renewed US strikes inside Iran before the next cycle: UNLIKELY -- Washington has named economic isolation as the next instrument and scheduled it for next week, though two tankers were struck on 13-AUG and the US has said it would respond to attacks on civilian shipping**CONFIDENCE:** MODERATE.

A joint Iran-Oman statement published before the next cycle is assessed VERY UNLIKELY, CONFIDENCE MODERATE: 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.

KJ-2 IAEA VERIFICATION BLACKOUT (Day 167):

440.9 kg of 60%-enriched and 184.1 kg of 20%-enriched UF₆ assessed still in country, last IAEA-verified 27-FEB-2026 in GOV/2026/8 and unverified for 168 days. The IAEA has lost continuity of knowledge across all declared Iranian nuclear facilities and no inspector has had access to any facility, struck or intact, since 28-FEB-2026. No IA

LIKELIHOOD: ALMOST CERTAIN (Iran retains functional enrichment capability with no IAEA visibility).
CONFIDENCE: HIGH.

Washington has now scheduled an economic tranche rather than a nuclear discussion, and Tehran has widened its conditions, which pushes the nuclear file further out again. No munitions-stockpile claim is restated; none was re-verified in this window.

KJ-3 WILDFIRE AND PUBLIC HEALTH TRAJECTORY (NPL Day 28 at level 5; Ebola Day 90):

Uncontained large fires fell from 101 to 95 with 4 new large fires, and NIFC now names only Little Giant. Big Grass, Wrights Spring and Sinlahekin are absent from the national narrative but have not been declared contained, so no figure for them is carried either way. The fire weather has moved south - widespread elevated to critical conditions are forecast for the southern Plains, a new-start problem in a region carrying no current large-incident load

LIKELIHOOD: National Preparedness Level remains at 5 through the next cycle: ALMOST CERTAIN -- 95 uncontained large fires, 29,058 personnel committed and the Northwest holding 43 of the national total. The load eased six incidents; that is a plateau rather than a turn. Two inci**CONFIDENCE:** HIGH.

The next WHO Ebola publication exceeding its current 3,605 DRC confirmed is assessed ALMOST CERTAIN, CONFIDENCE HIGH: the DRC national series is already at 4,566 on data fifteen days more recent, a gap of 961 cases, so the WHO figure will step rather than tick when it publishes.

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