

Northern Mexico - Tropical Cyclone Hanna Adds Further Challenge Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

- On July 26 and 27, tropical cyclone Hanna caused heavy rainfall in parts of Northern Mexico
- Most affected areas are Tamaulipas, Coahuila, and Nuevo Leon
- Two died and four went missing
- Landslide, traffic blockages, flooding, and travel disruption reported
- More than 700 people were evacuated in Nuevo Leon
- Tamaulipas and Coahuila reported power outage
- In Monterrey, Nuevo Leon residents were urged to stay at home as local authorities issued red alert due for heavy rainfall on July 26
- In Reynosa, Tamaulipas a major roadway was flooded
- Heavy rainfall in northeastern and central Mexico is expected on July 28
- Flooding and travel disruption are anticipated
- Hanna, the first hurricane of 2020 on the Atlantic coast, was degraded to a tropical storm on July 26
- Before hitting Mexico, it caused heavy rainfall and floods in Texas
- This comes at a time when Mexico is battling COVID-19 pandemic
- As of now, Mexico reported 395,489 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 44,022 related deaths
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult National Institute of Public Health (<https://www.insp.mx/>) for latest information on COVID-19 in Mexico

Source(s)

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- <https://www.milenio.com/estados/hanna-en-mexico-inundaciones-y-danos-que-dejo>

Targets Affected:

Mexico

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- It is important for SW Subscribers to determine if procedures for evacuating employees to safe locations are in place, if required
- Determine if all staff and travelers in Northern Mexico are monitoring local weather, government warnings, and updates
- Firms with operations in the region should review their measures to mitigate the risk posed by such natural calamities
- Determine if current Business Continuity Plans of third parties/captive units account for sudden shortage or unavailability of resources in the event of several team members being unable to commute to the workplace due to adverse weather conditions
- It is advised to determine if alternate power supplies and network connections are available to deal with large-scale power outages and network failures (if any)
- SW Subscribers should ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans and Programs are activated
- Consider implementing more detailed actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.