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Hydrologic Conditions

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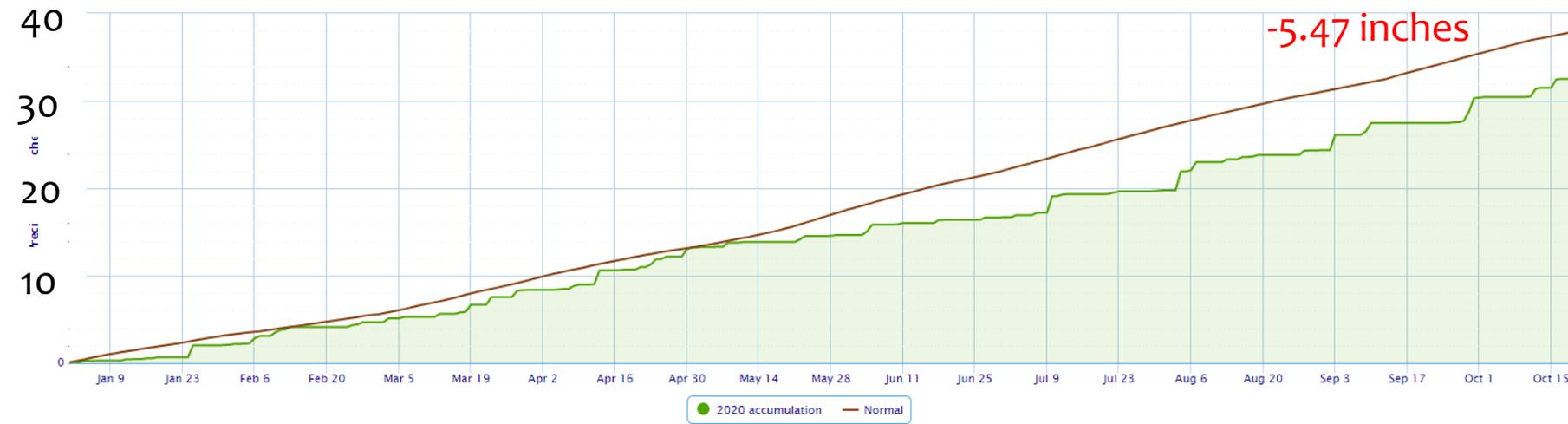
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Precipitation – Trenton

Accumulated Precipitation – TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT, NJ

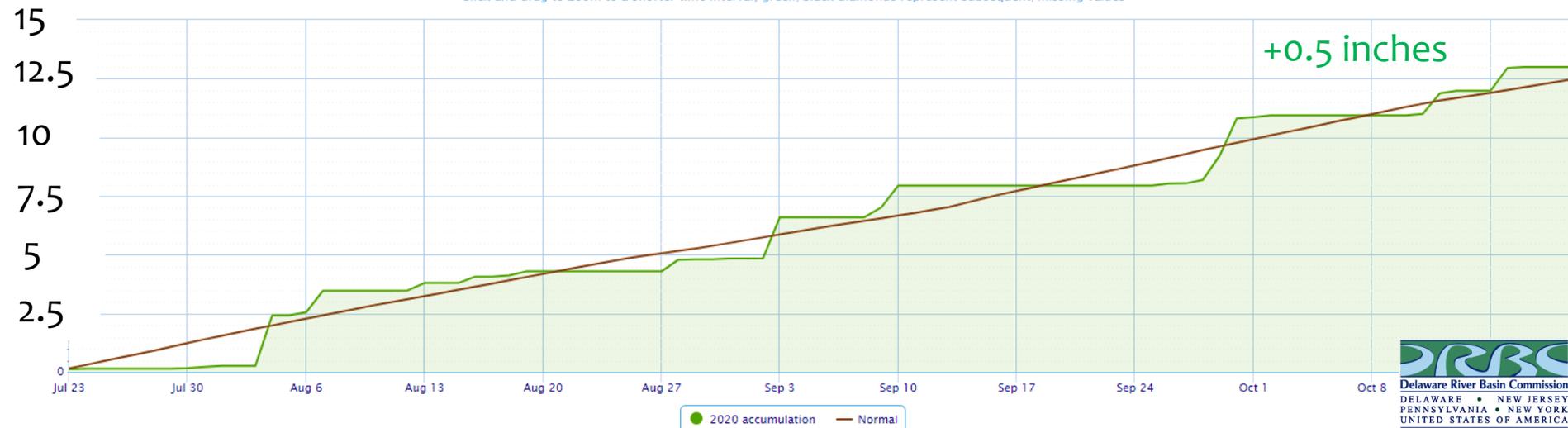
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Precipitation Accumulation
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Below: Past 90 days

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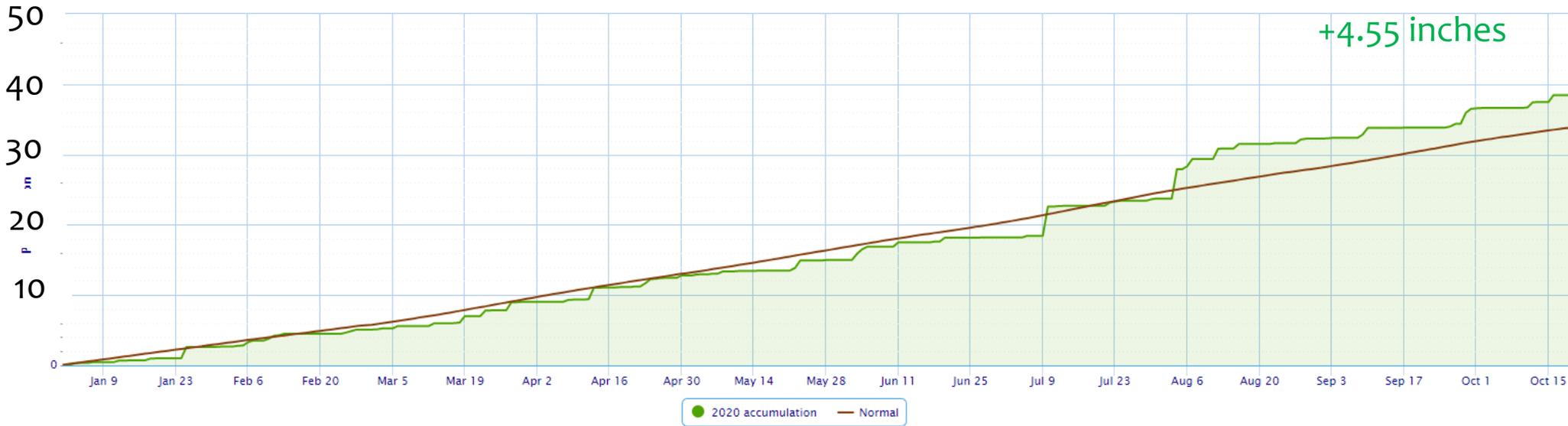


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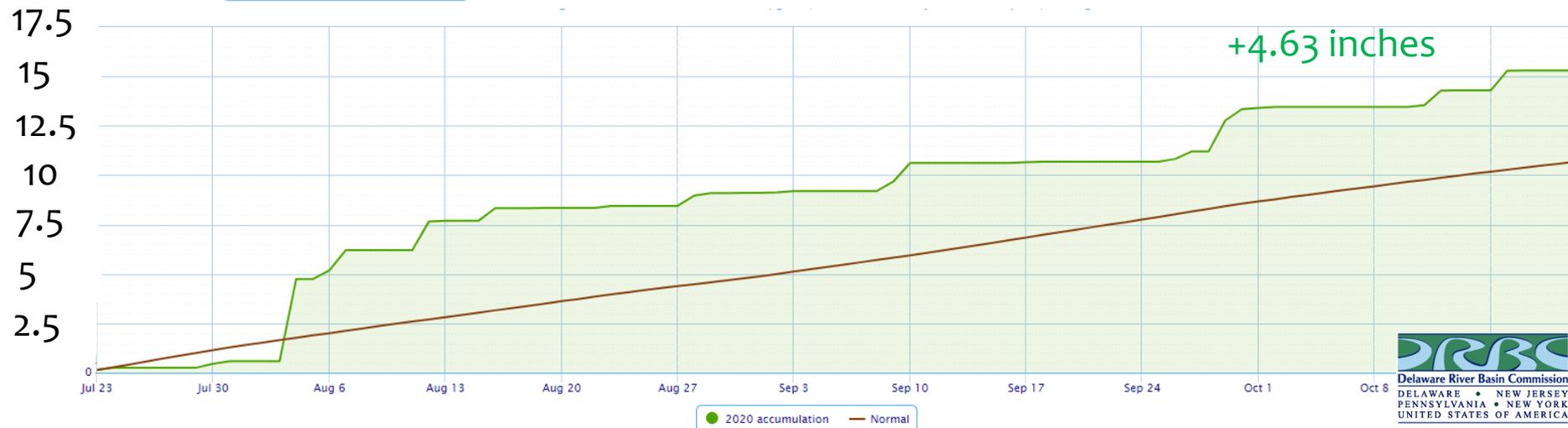
Precipitation - Philadelphia

Accumulated Precipitation - PHILADELPHIA INTL AP, PA

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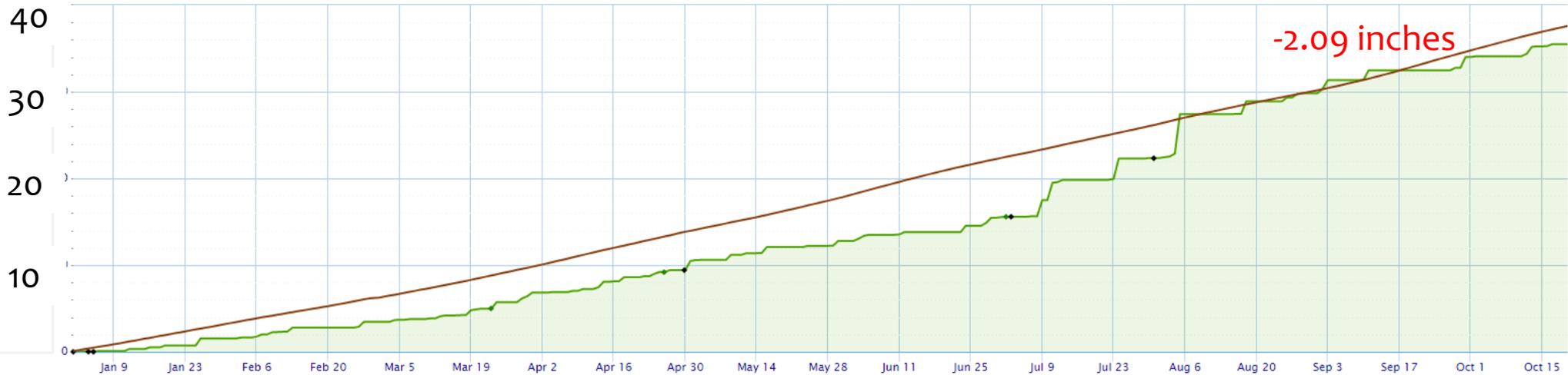


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Precipitation – Port Jervis

Accumulated Precipitation – PORT JERVIS, NY

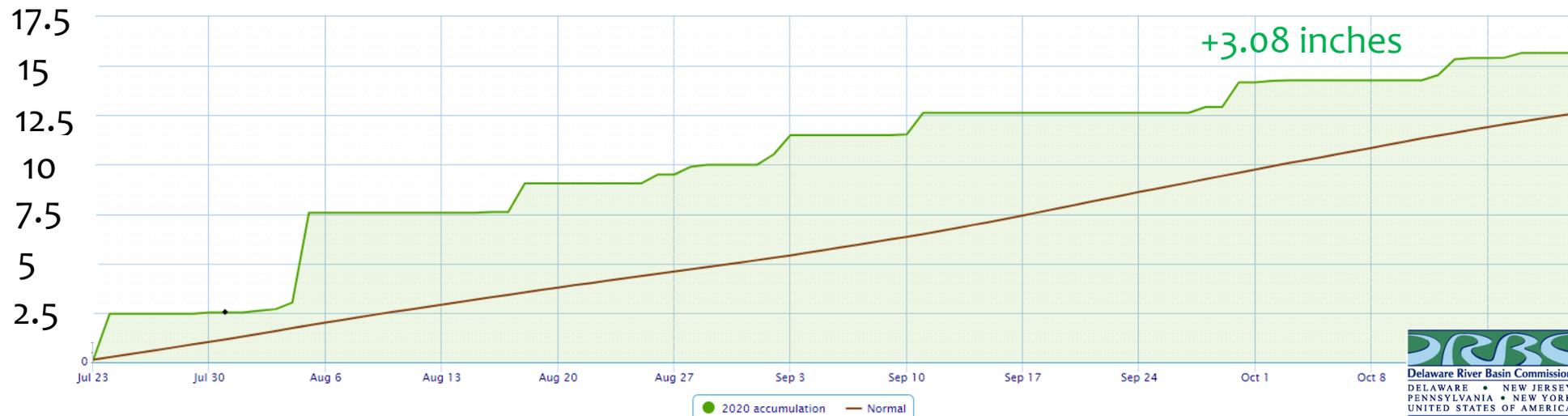
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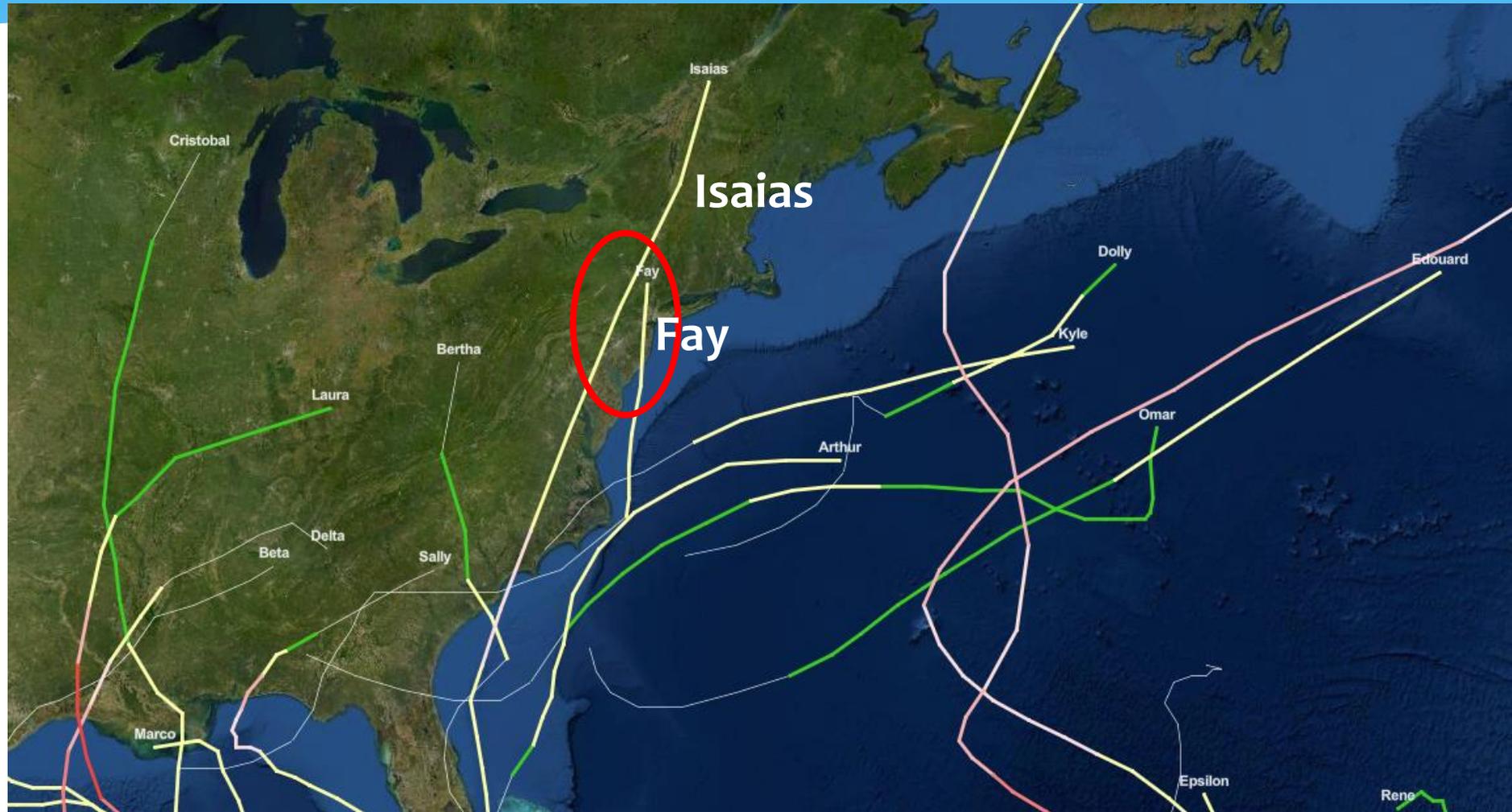
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Tropical Activity in 2020 - DRB

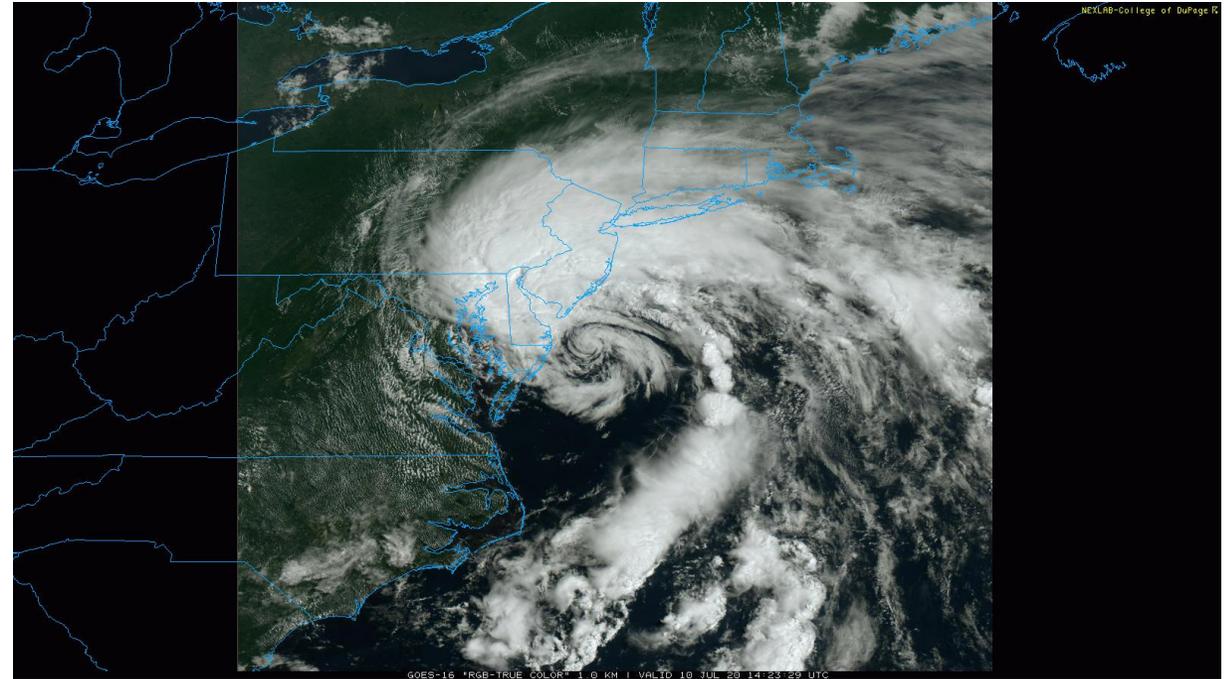
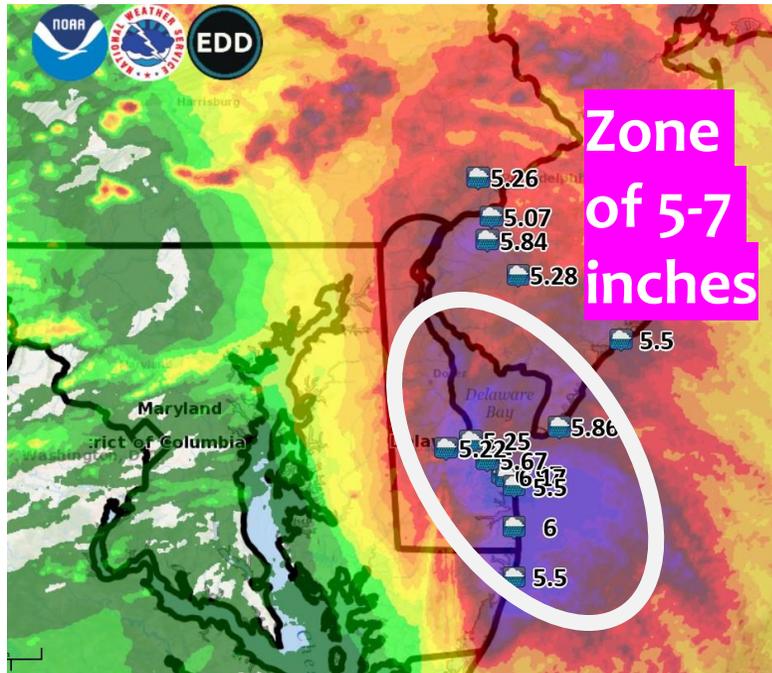


Source: <http://tropicalatlantic.com/>

Tropical Activity in 2020 - DRB

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- * First tropical storm to make landfall in NJ since Irene in 2011
- * Made Landfall on July 10

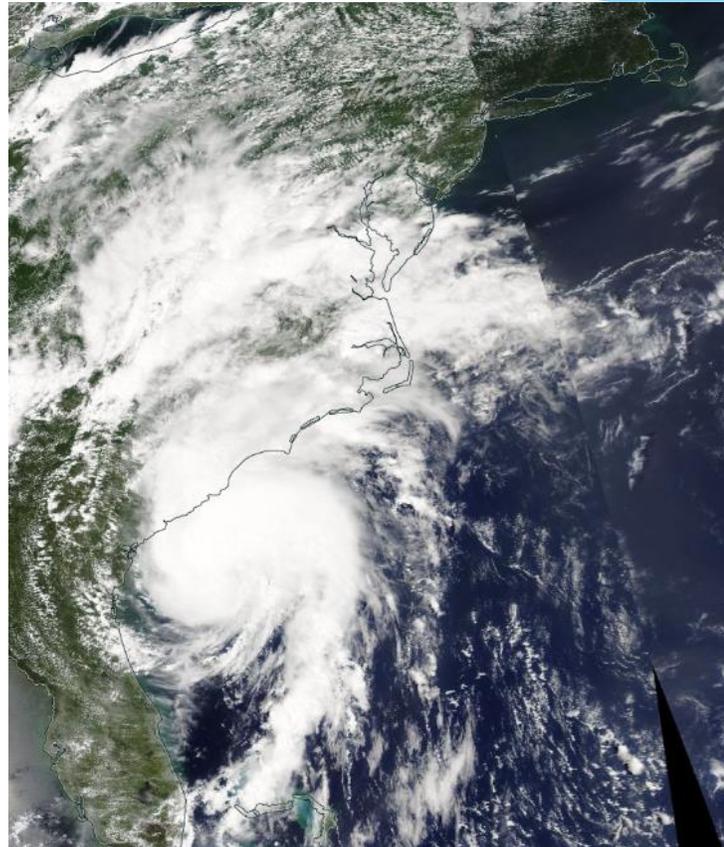


Sources: NWS, NOAA, COD

Tropical Activity in 2020 - DRB

Isaias

Fast Moving Storm!



August 3, 2020



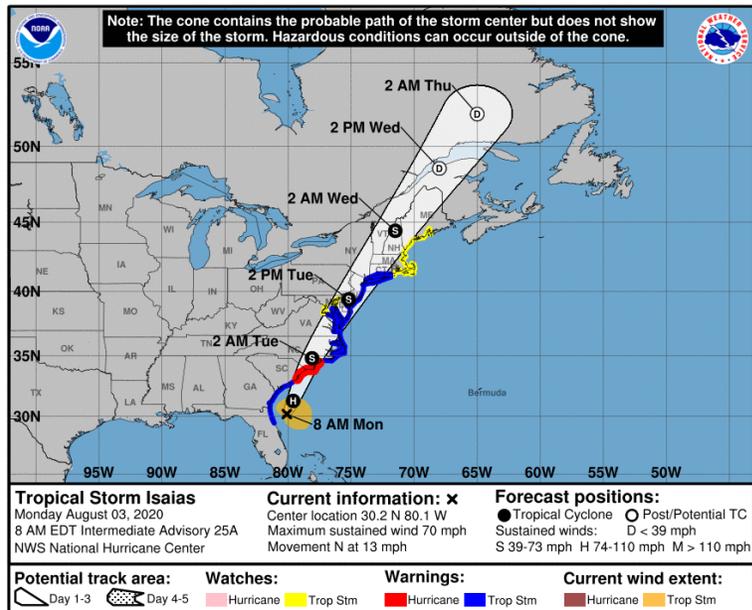
August 4, 2020

Source: NASA Worldview

Tropical Activity in 2020 - DRB

* Isaias

- * Made Landfall in North Carolina and continued up the coast
- * Arrived in the DRB on August 4

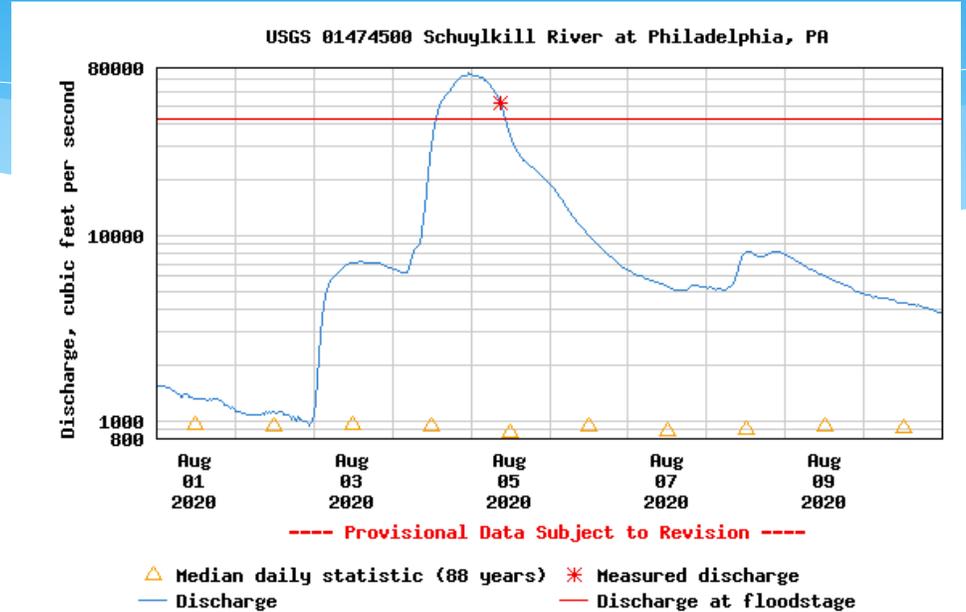
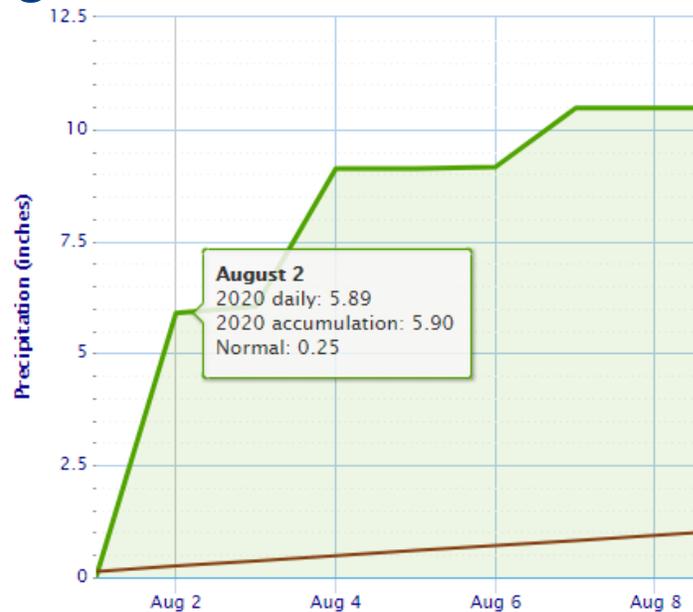


Delaware River at Trenton – 24-hour difference



Tropical Activity in 2020 - DRB

- * Isaias Continued
 - * Caused major flooding on the Schuylkill River. Why?
 - * Notable Impacts - Barge was loosened

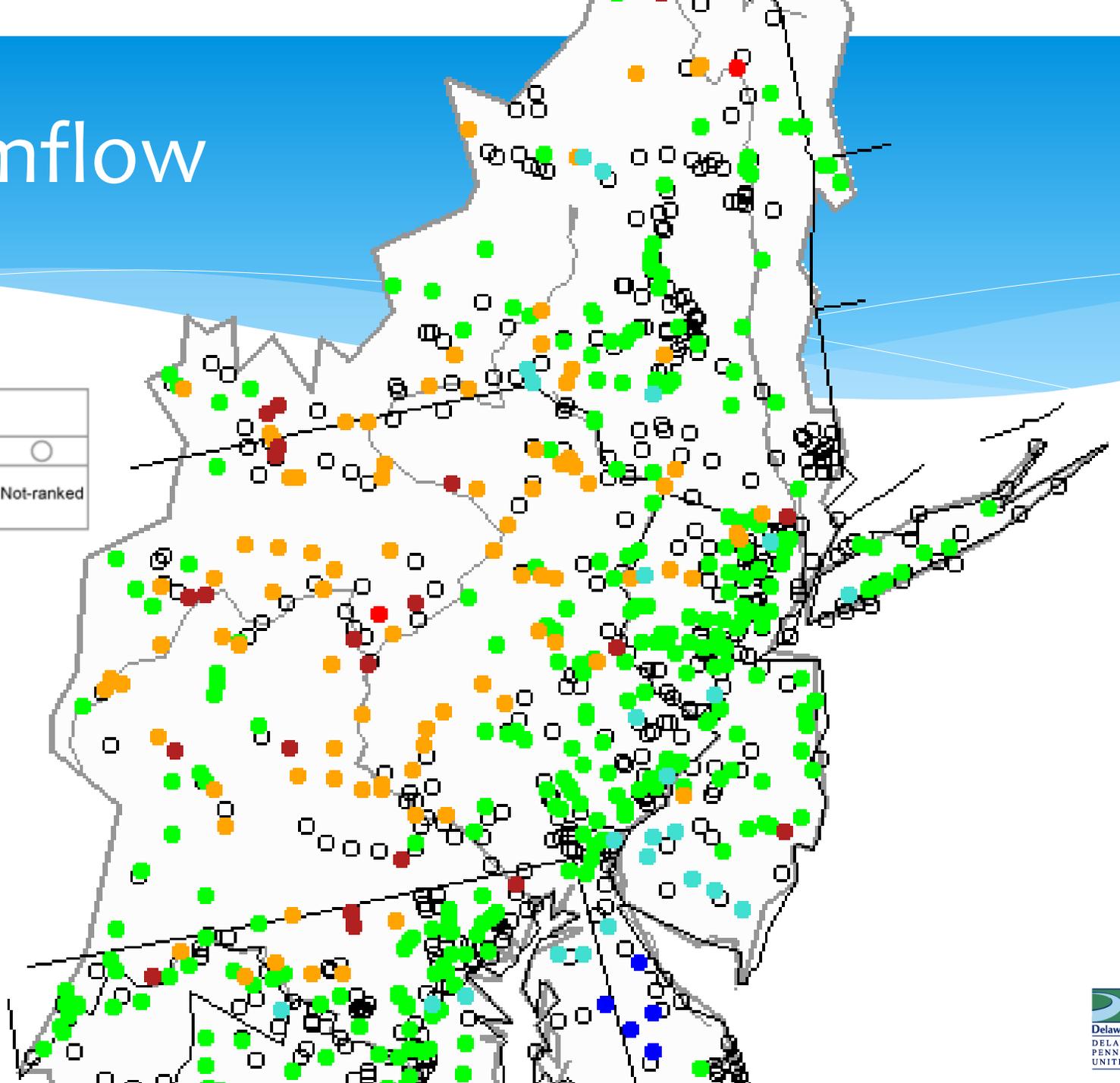


Sources: ACIS, USGS

Streamflow

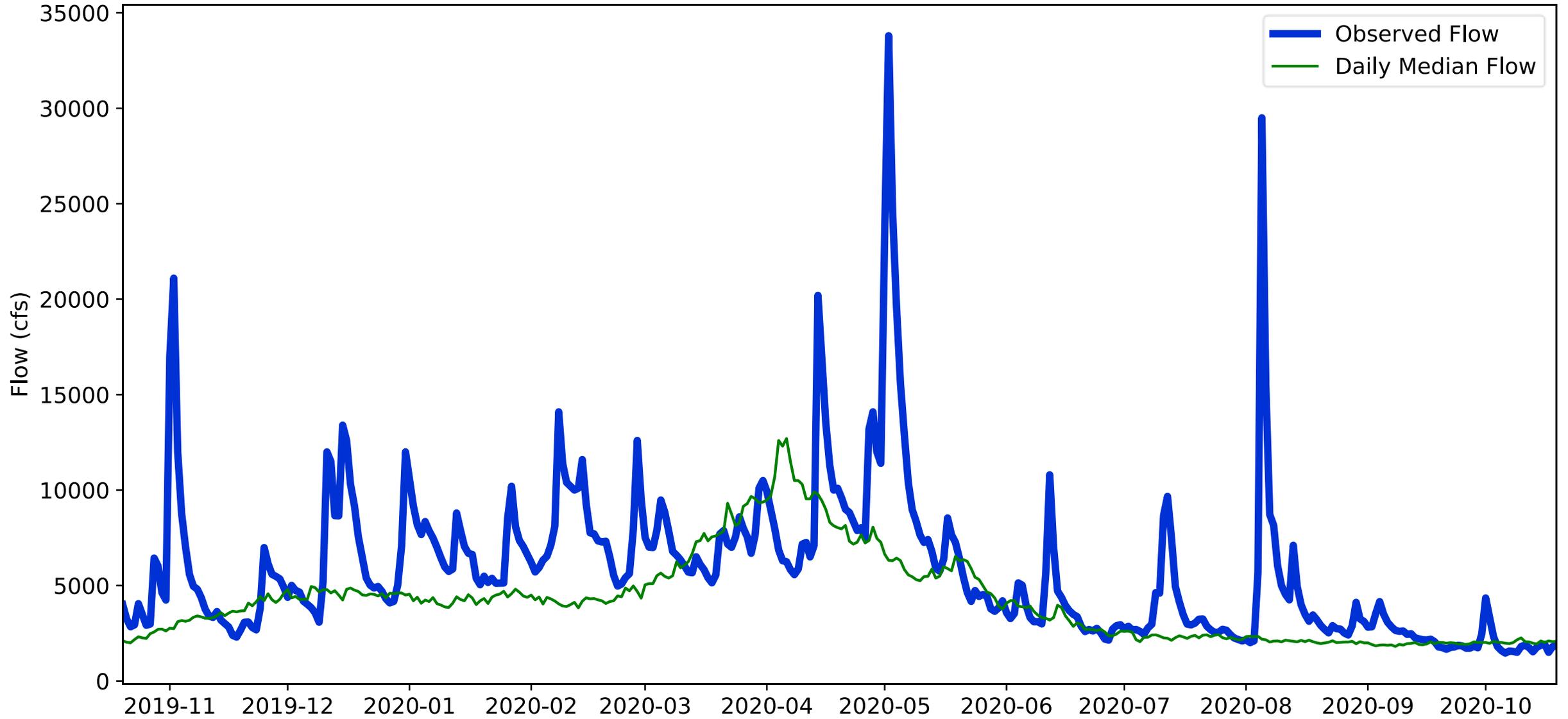
Explanation - Percentile classes

							
Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	Not-ranked



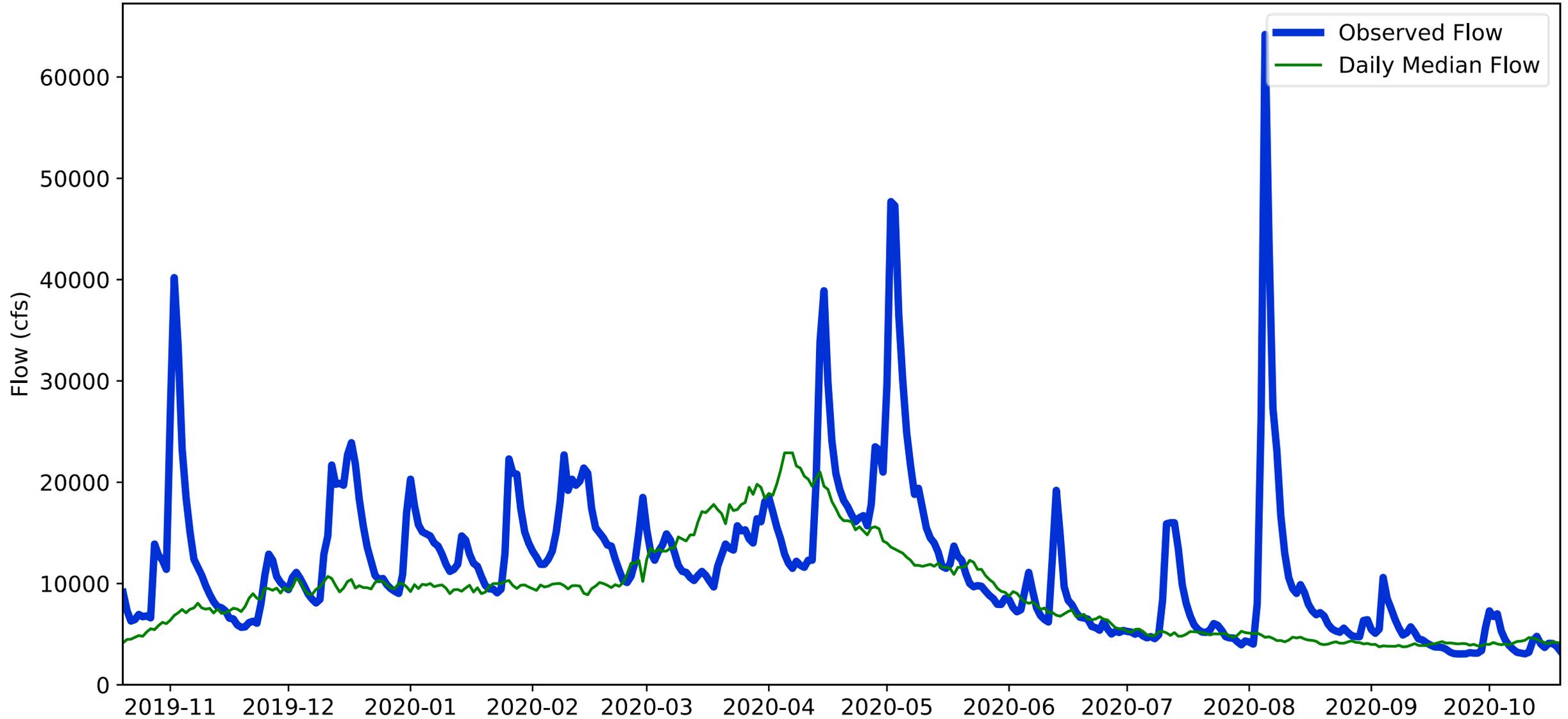
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Delaware River at Montague

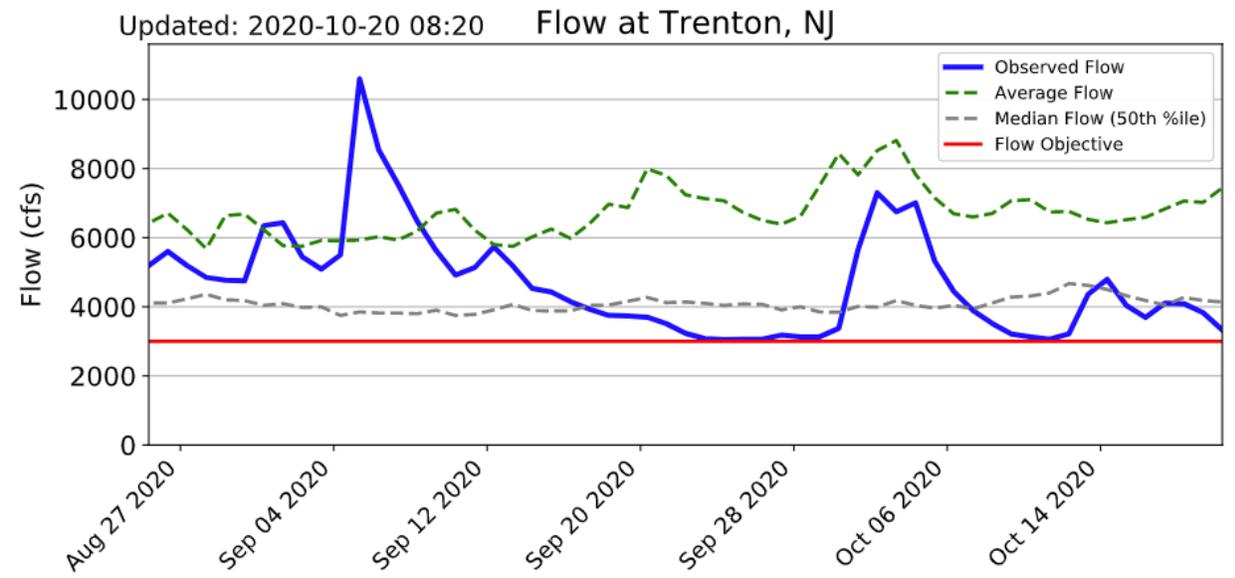
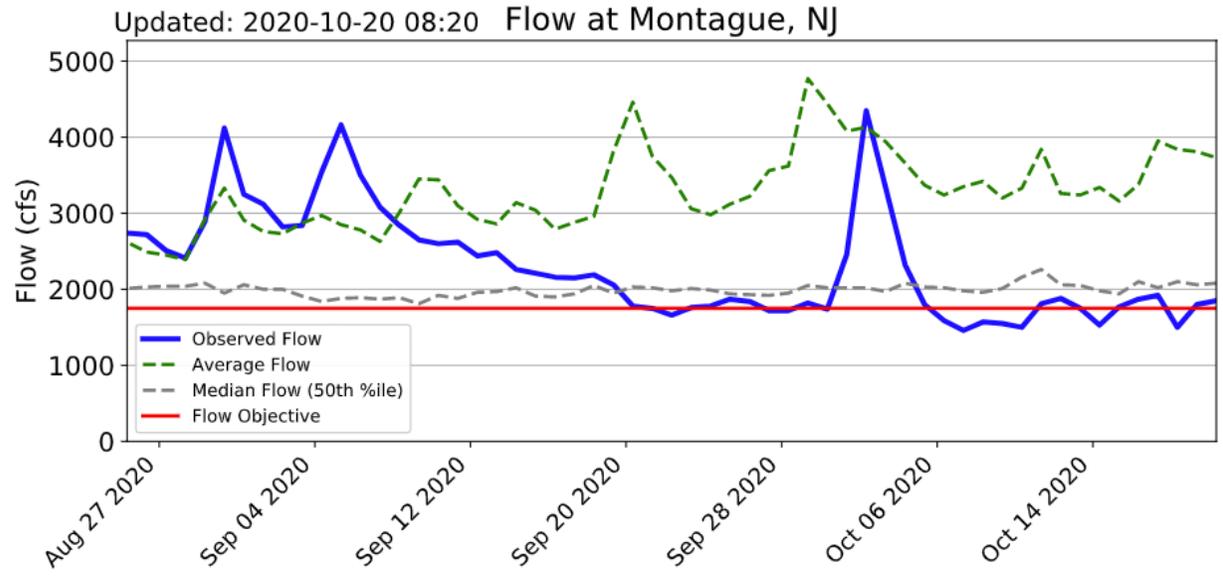


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Delaware River at Trenton



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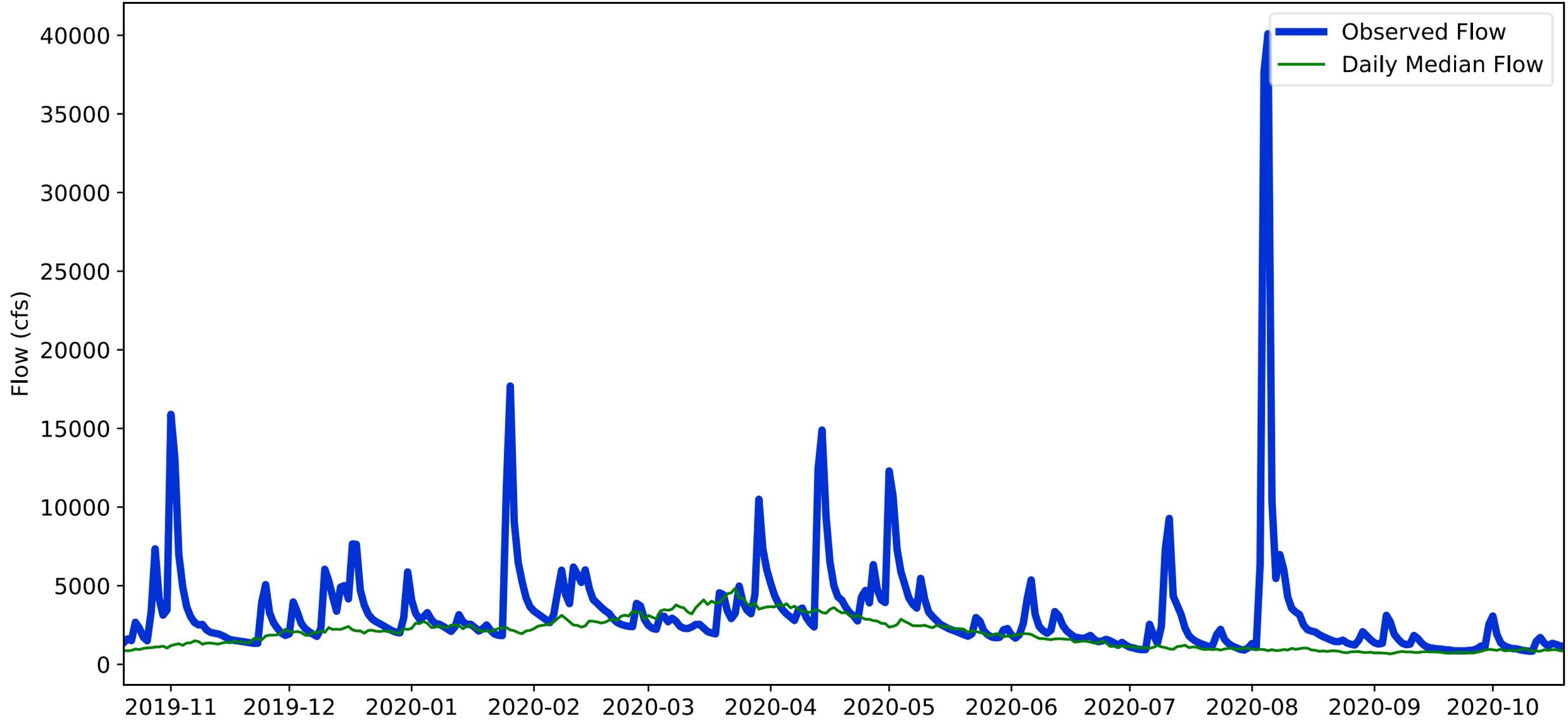


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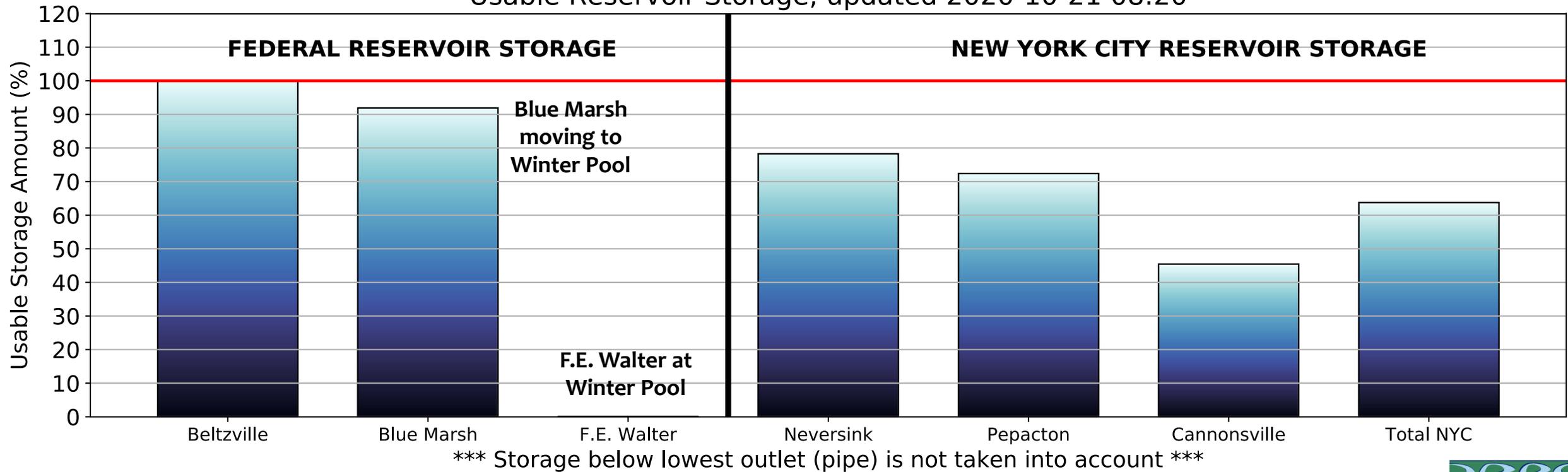
Schuylkill River at Philadelphia



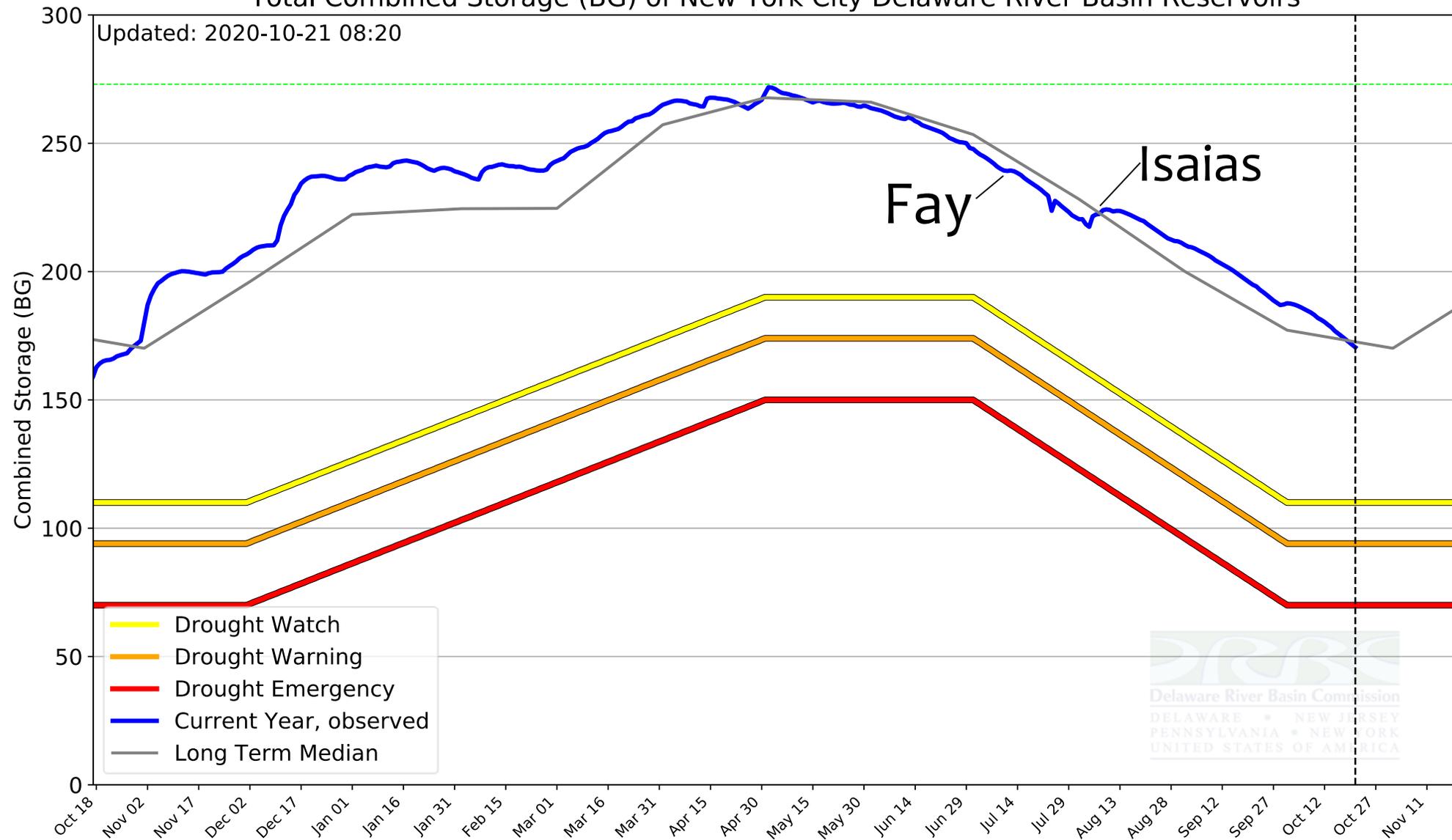
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Basin Storage

Usable Reservoir Storage, updated 2020-10-21 08:20



Total Combined Storage (BG) of New York City Delaware River Basin Reservoirs

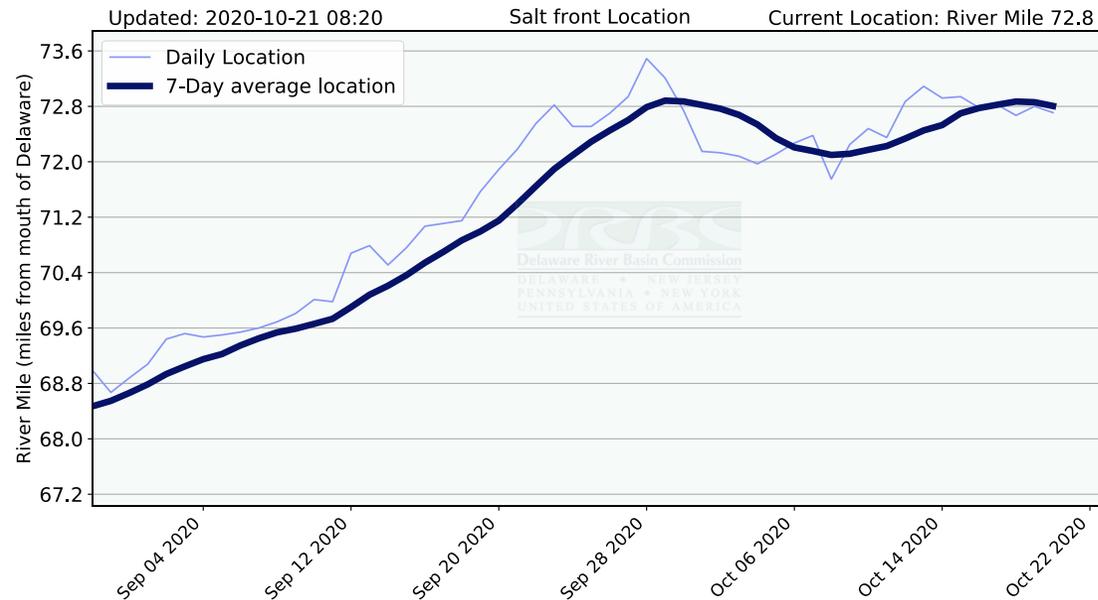
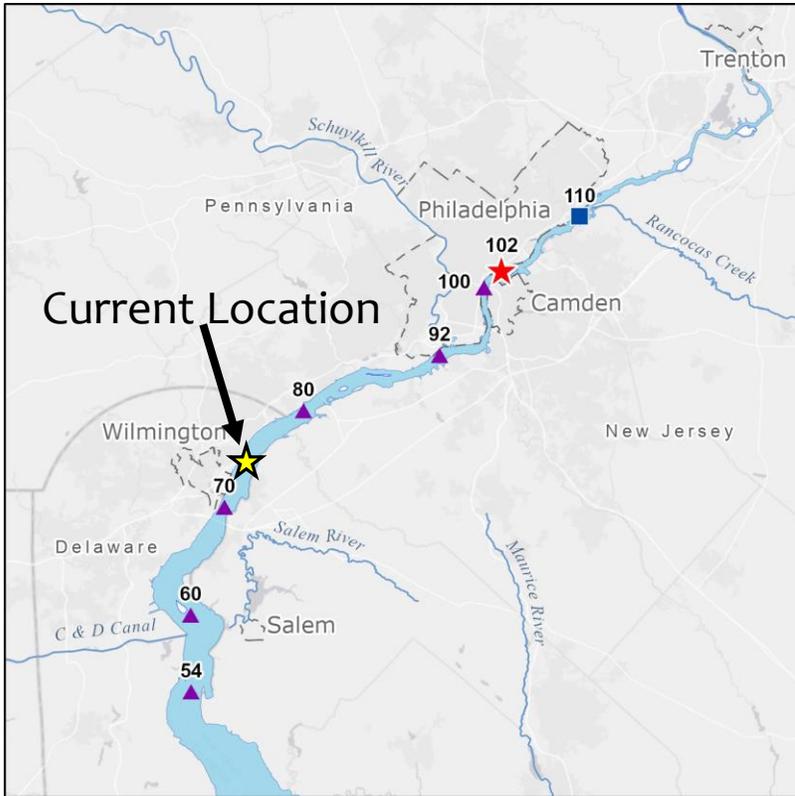


Usable Storage	Cannonsville	Pepacton	Neversink	Total	BG above drought watch = 60.5	BG below median = 2.1
BG	42.5	100.9	27.2	170.5	BG above drought warning = 76.5	BG above one year ago = 4.4
%	45.5	72.4	78.3	63.8	BG above drought = 100.5	

Data: NYC DEP



Salt Front



Note: DRBC does not calculate the location of the saltfront below river mile 54.

Chlorides
7-Day Average RM
Location of 250 mg/L

Current: 72.8
October Normal: 72

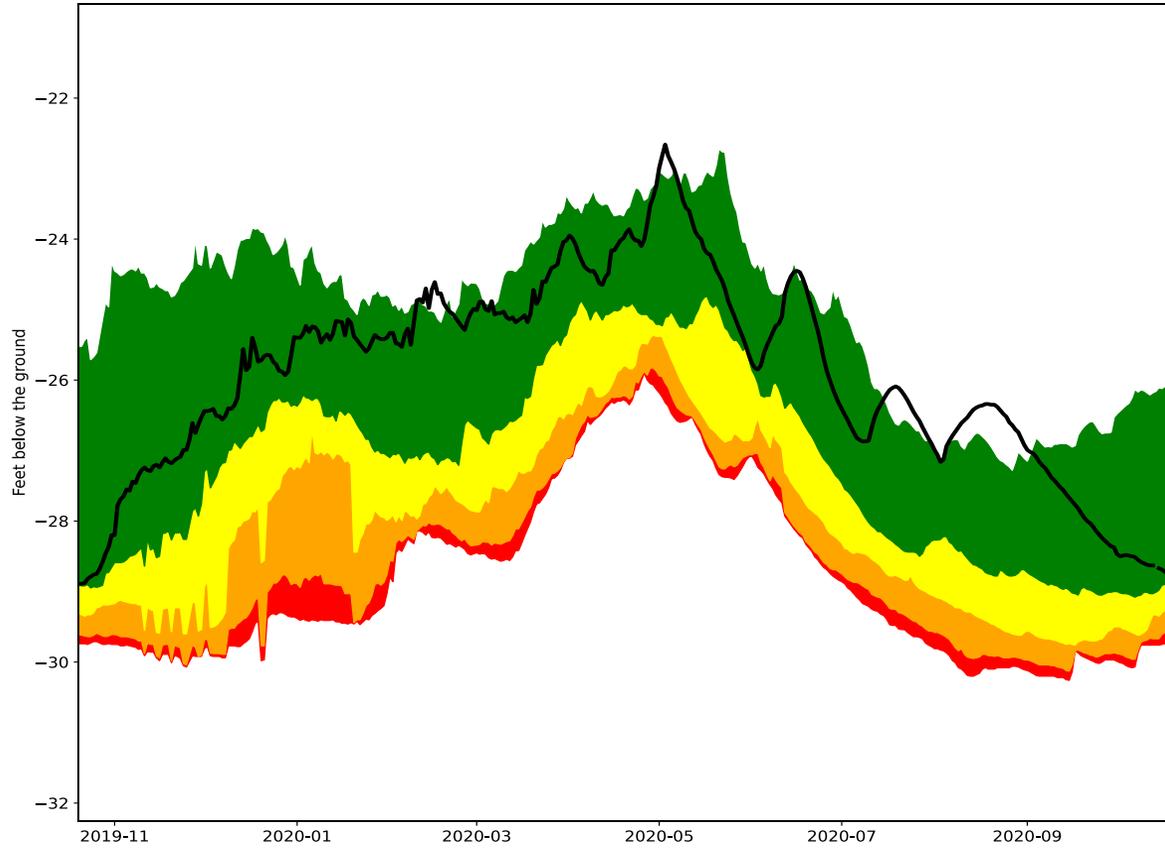
The Flow Objective at Trenton was designed to repel salinity for the protection of drinking water treatment facilities and industrial intakes.

Groundwater

COUNTY	STATE	DATA SOURCE	WELL ID	INDICATOR AS OF 2020-10-20
Wayne	PA	USGS	WN 64	Normal
Monroe	PA	USGS	MO 190	Normal
Carbon	PA	USGS	CB 104	Drought Watch
Schuylkill	PA	USGS	SC 296	Drought Watch
Lehigh	PA	USGS	LE 372	Above Normal
Bucks	PA	USGS	BK 1020	Normal
Chester	PA	USGS	CH 10	Normal
Delaware	PA	USGS	DE 723	Above Normal
Lebanon	PA	USGS	LB 372	Normal
Burlington	NJ	USGS	050689	Normal
Cumberland	NJ	USGS	110042	Normal

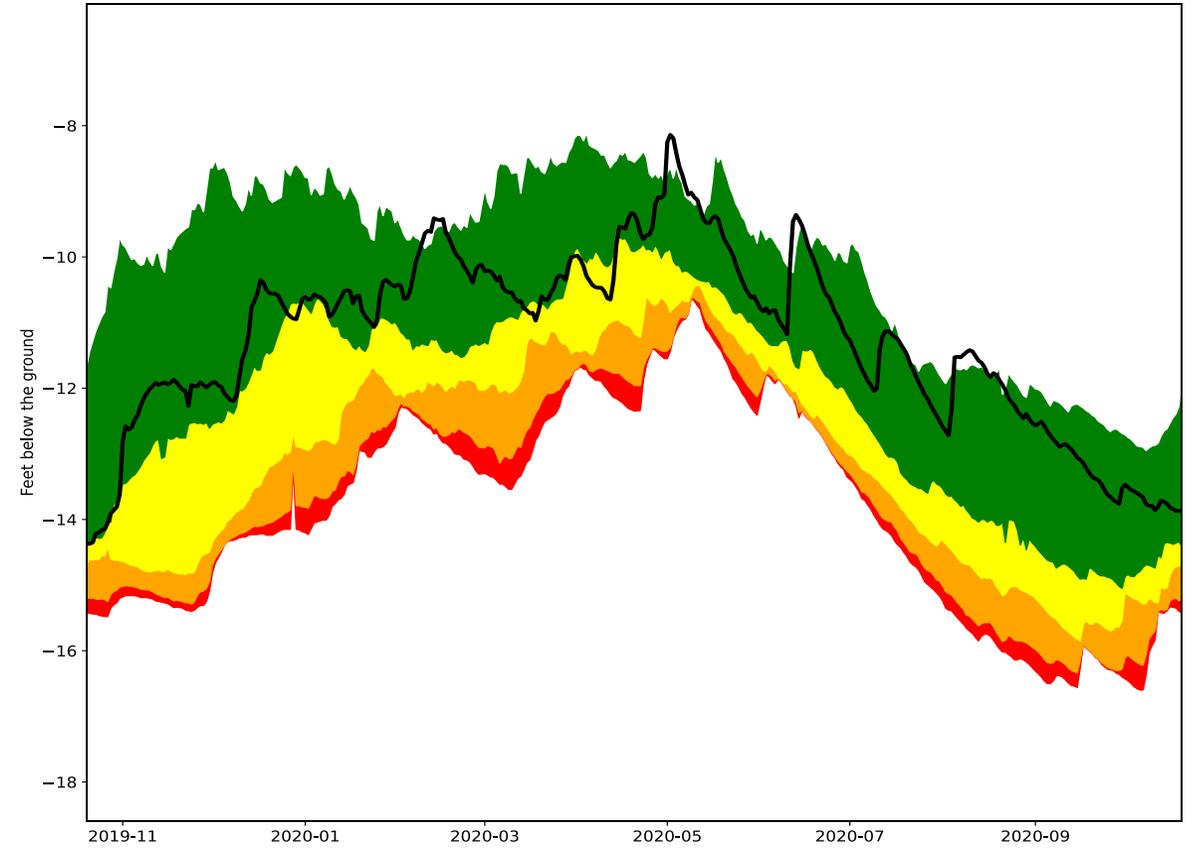
Upper Basin

Wayne County, PA



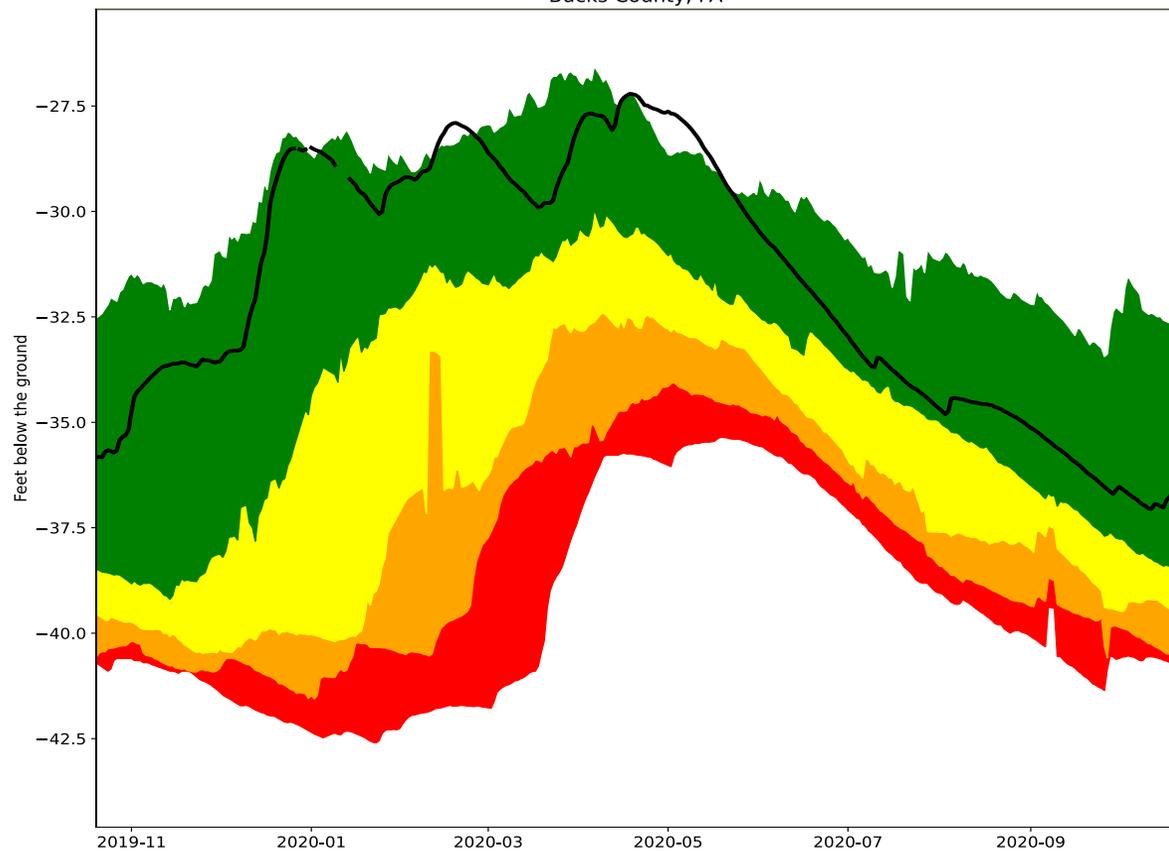
Middle-Upper Basin

Monroe County, PA



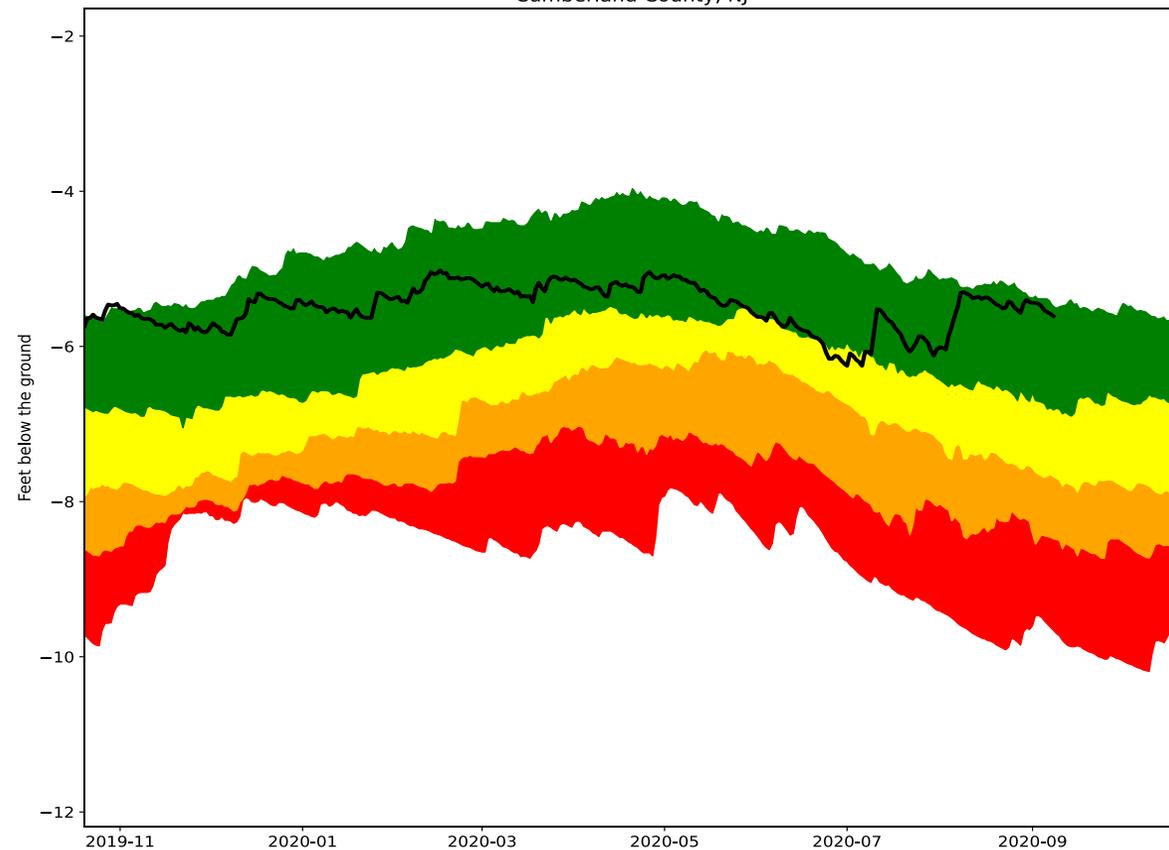
Middle-Lower Basin

Bucks County, PA



Lower Basin

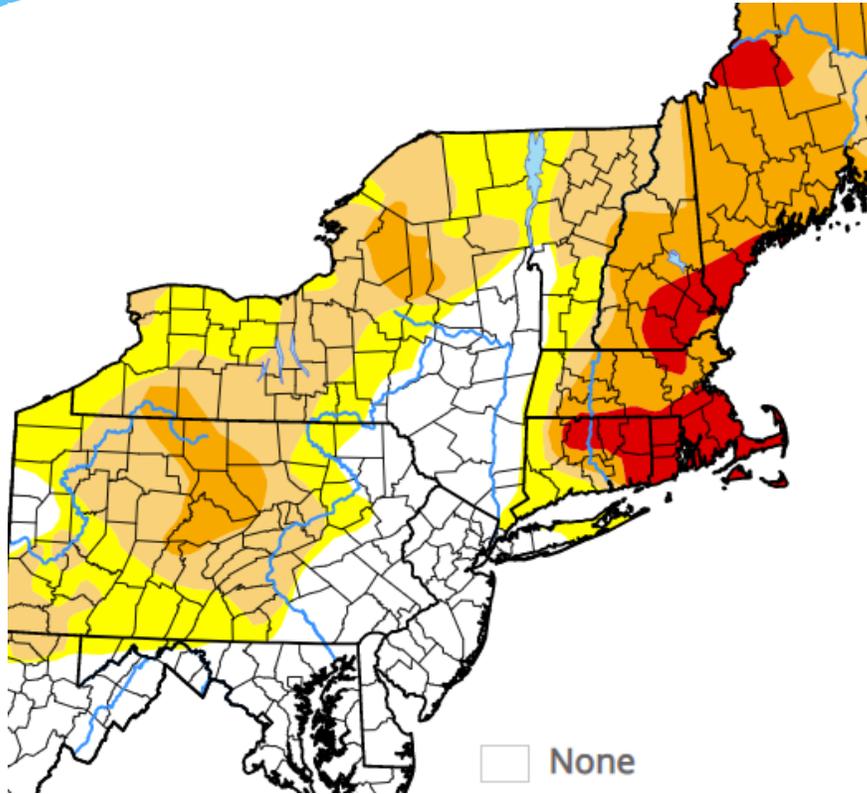
Cumberland County, NJ



Data: USGS

Drought Monitor

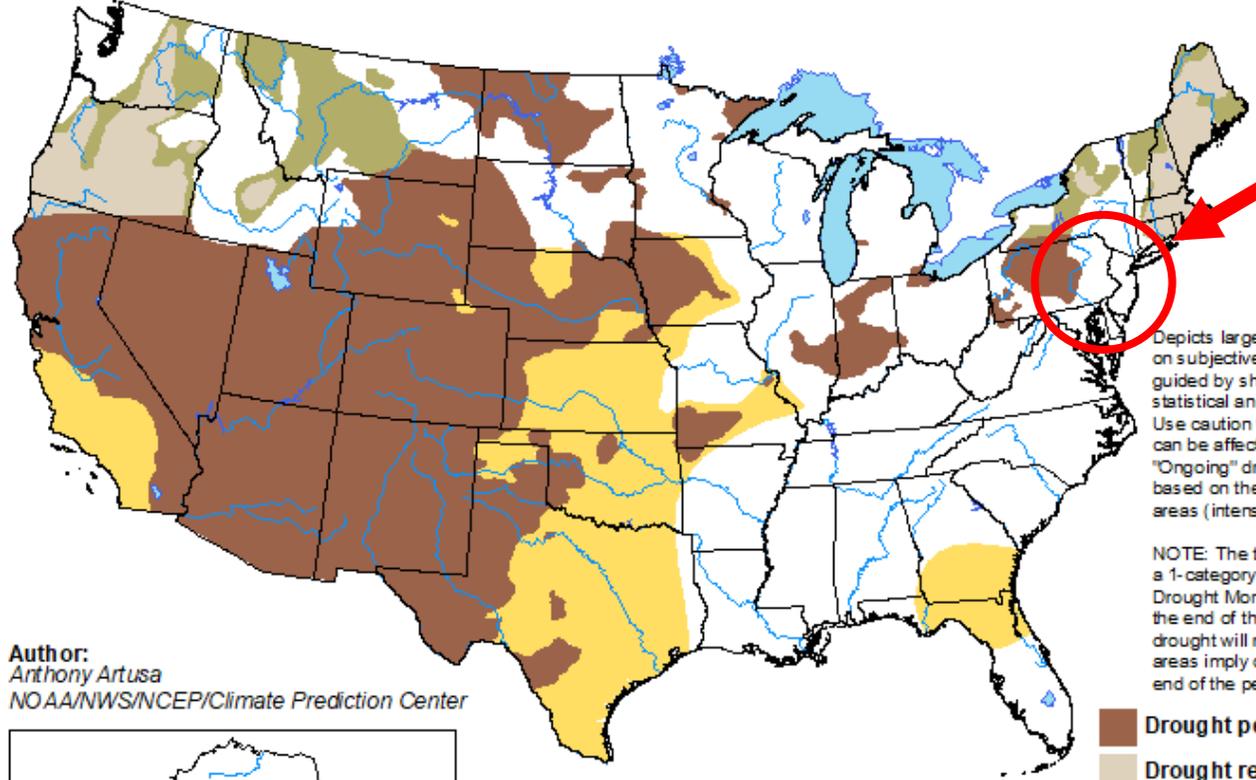
October 15, 2020



- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)

U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for October 15, 2020 - January 31, 2021
Released October 15, 2020

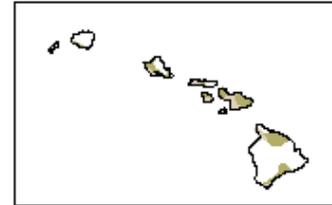
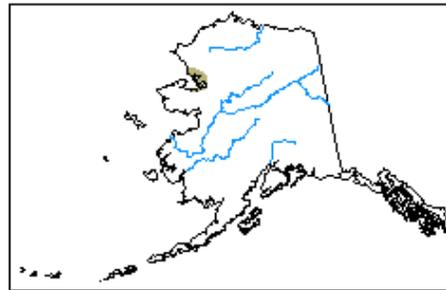


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

- Drought persists
- Drought remains but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely

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<http://go.usa.gov/3eZ73>

7 Day Precipitation Forecast

Today - Saturday

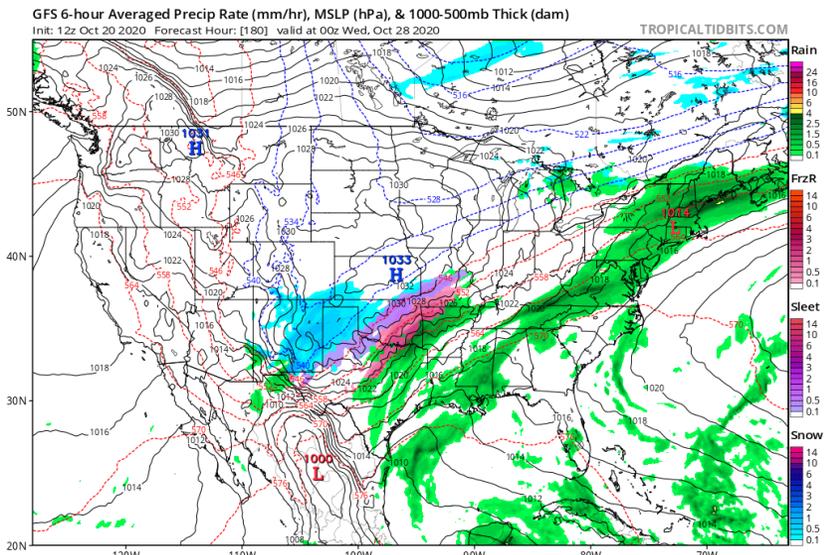
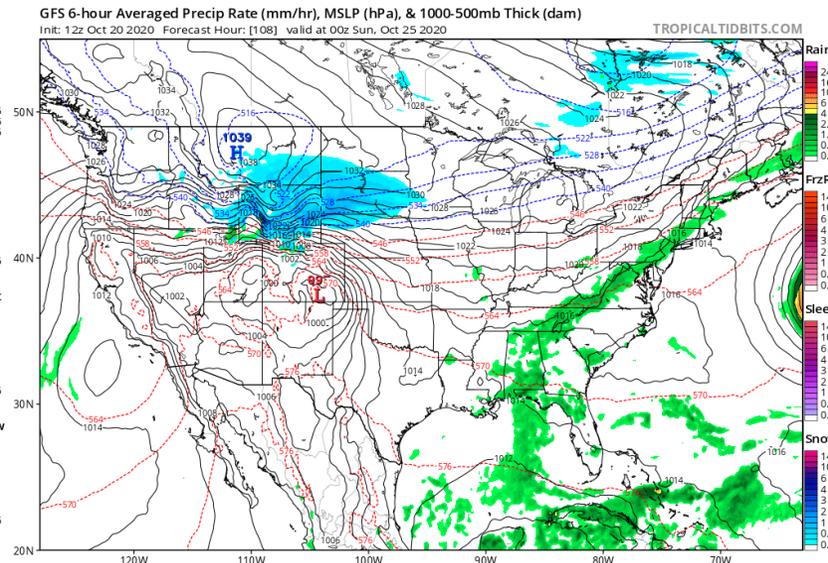
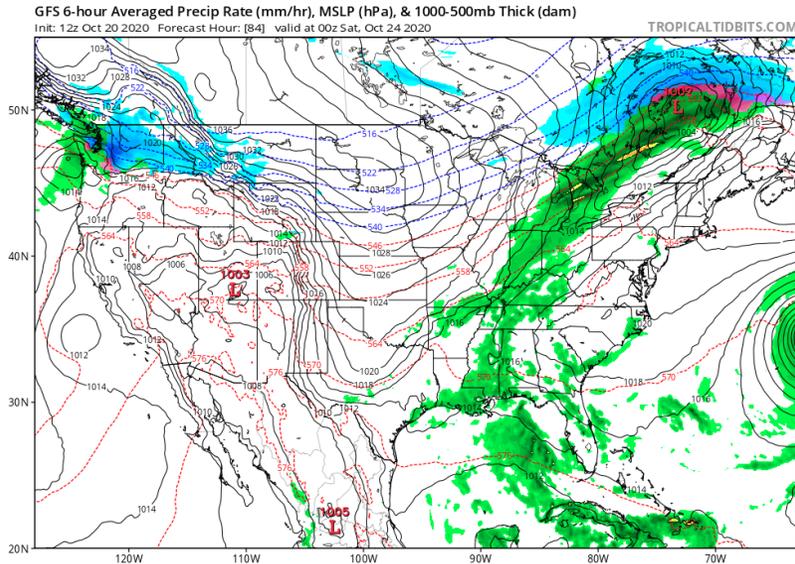
- Humid and warm!
- Light scattered showers possible
- Fog in the mornings

Sunday

- Front finally moves through
- Brief rain showers in the evening
- Next low pressure forming out west

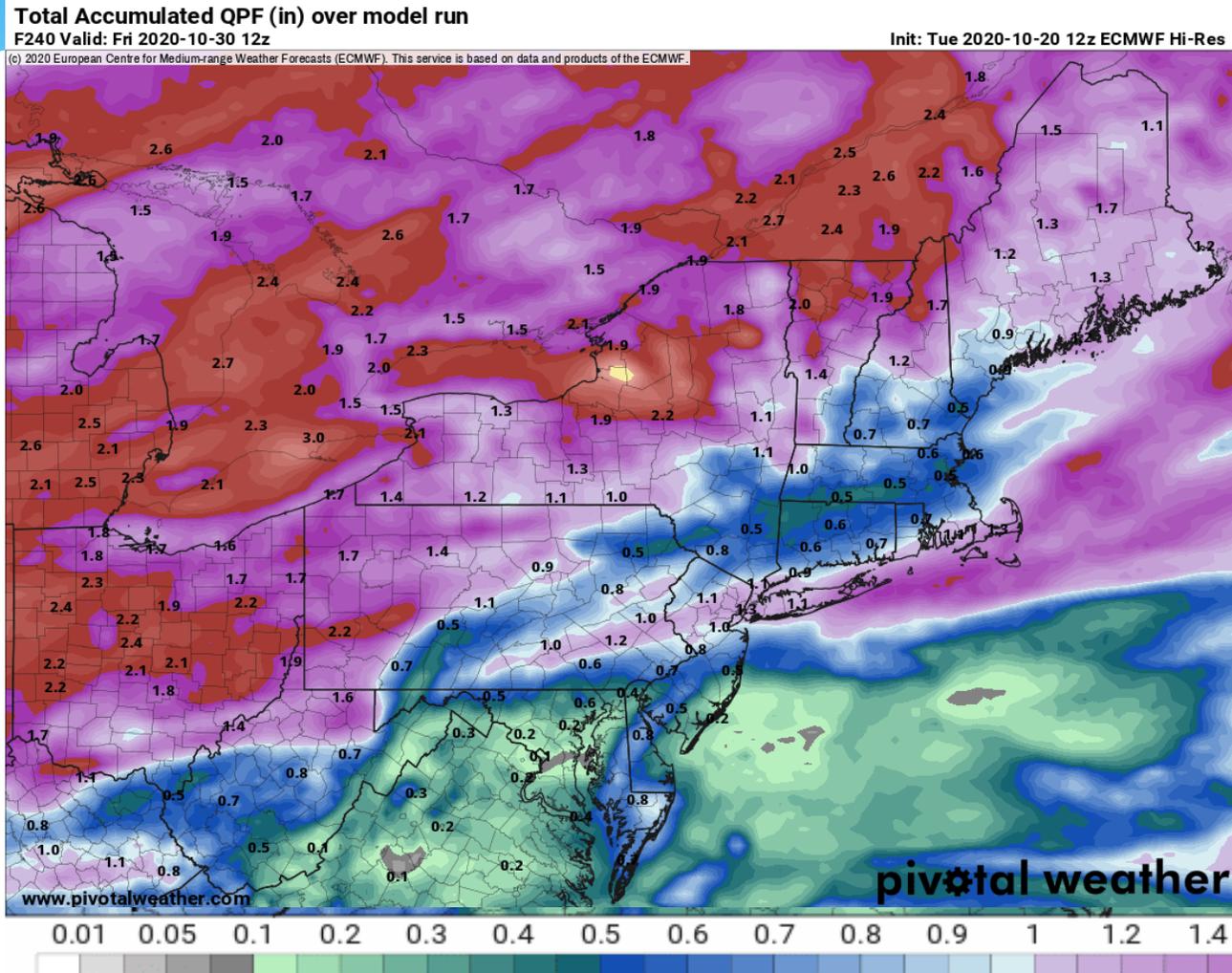
Wednesday evening - Thursday

- Rain event?
- Snow for Texas??
- Uncertainty!



Source: Tropical Tidbits

9-Day Precipitation Forecast



Summary:

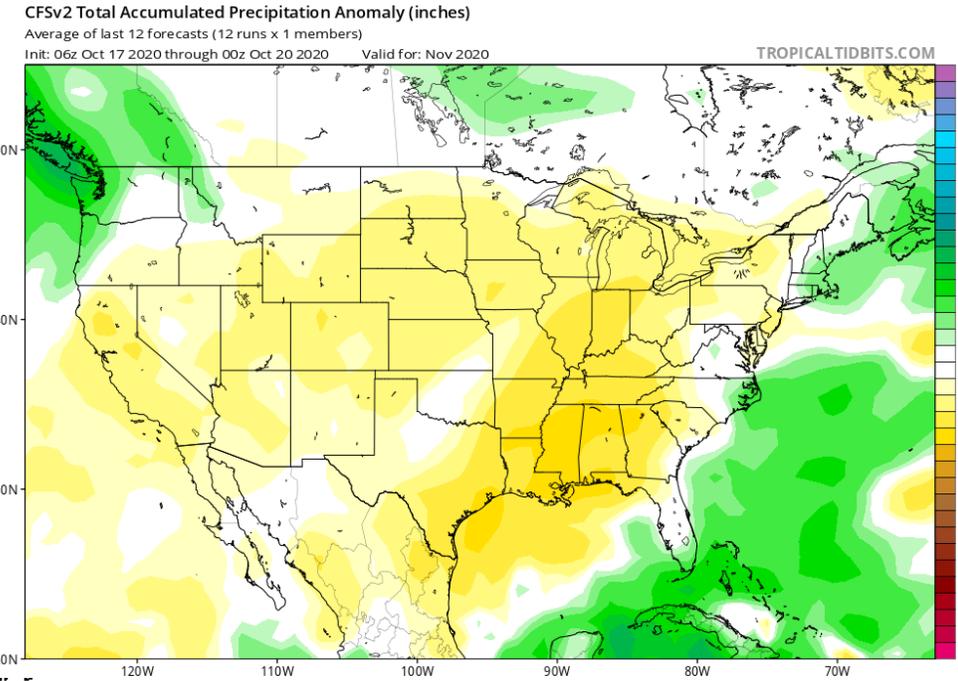
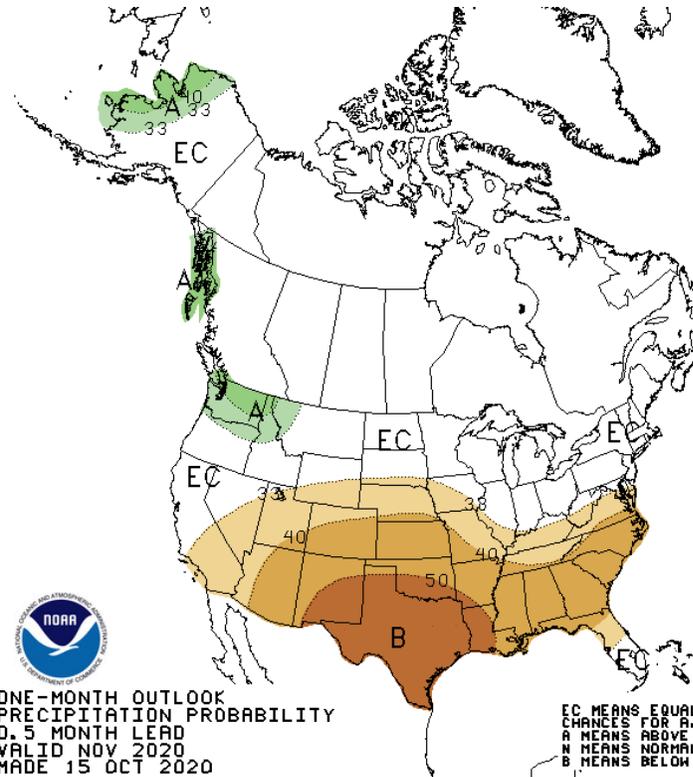
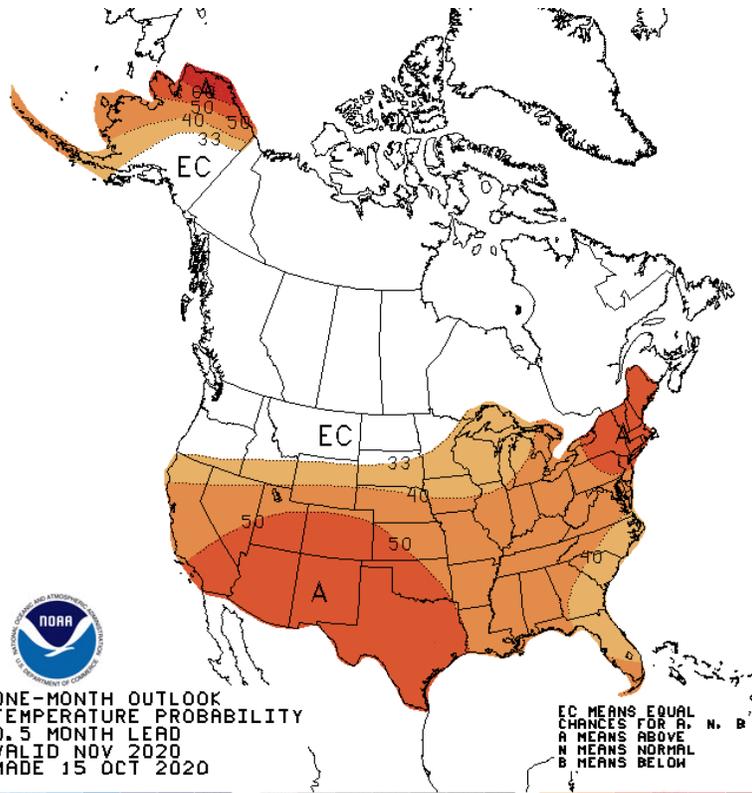
- Average to below average precipitation for this time of year
- Around an inch total for parts of the basin

1-Month Outlook

Temperature

Precipitation

Model Prediction

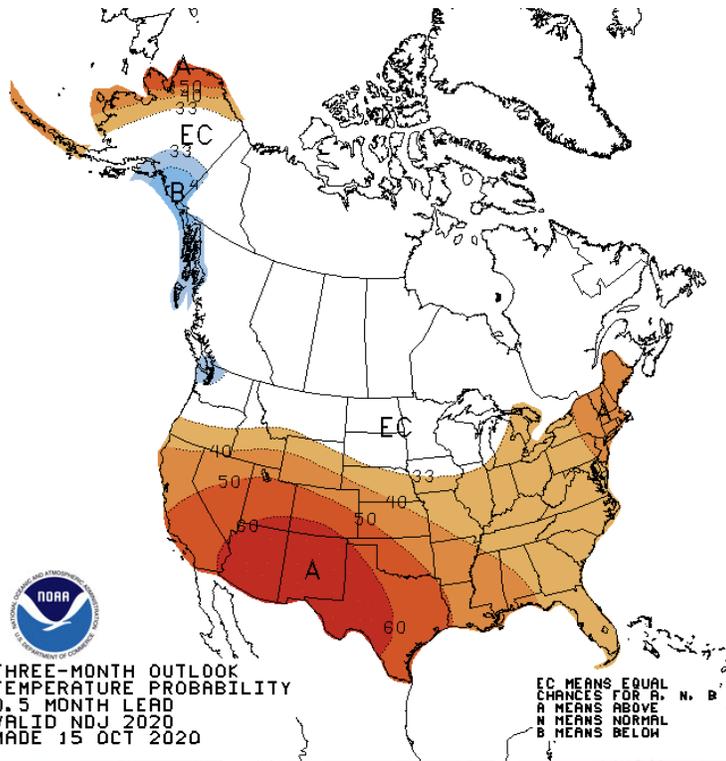


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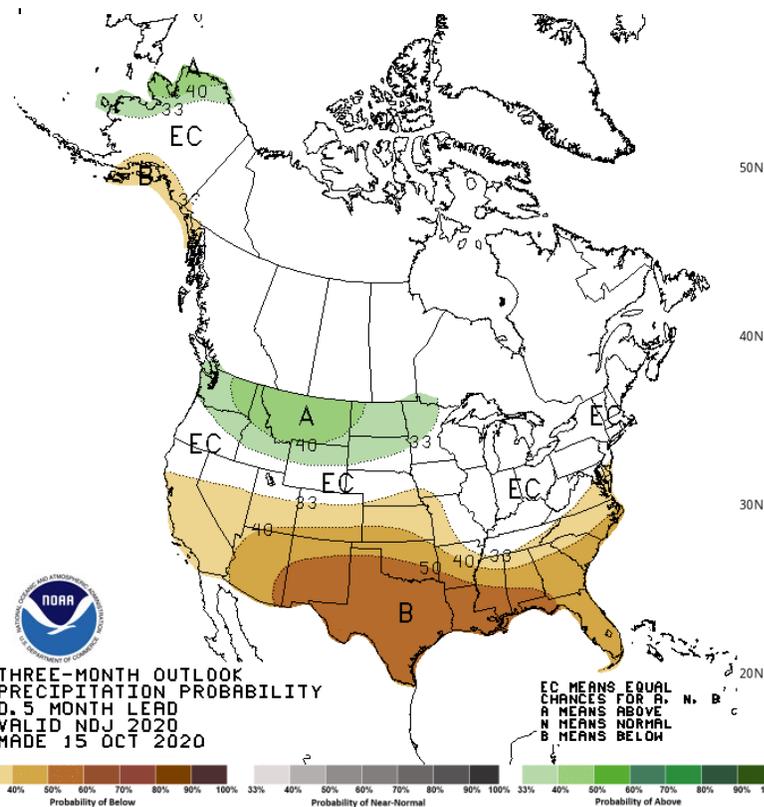
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3-Month Outlook – La Niña Winter!

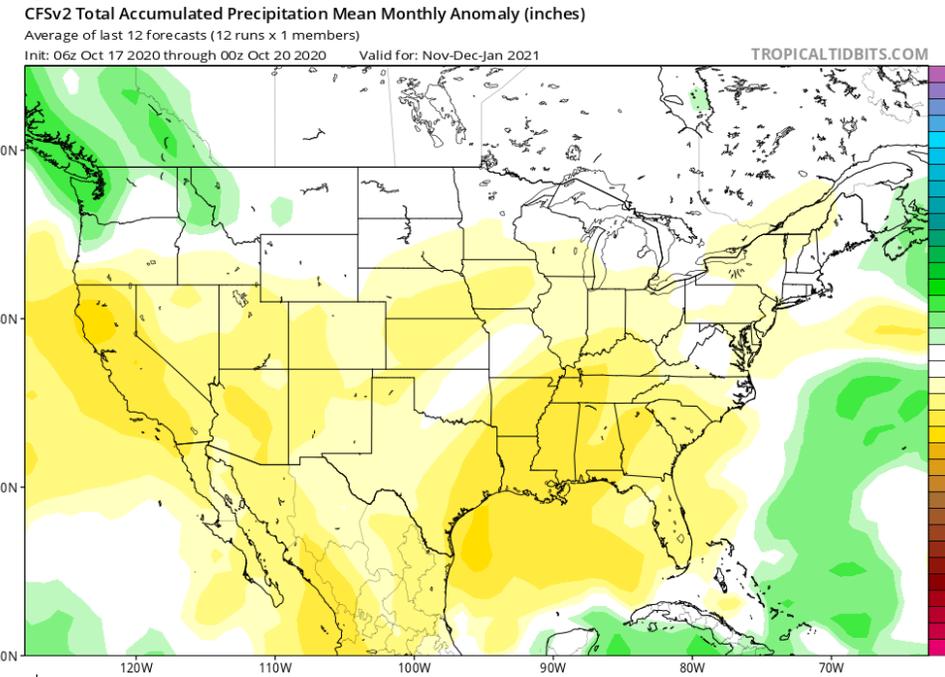
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