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MONTHLY F	EPORT OF RIVER AND FLOOD CONDITIONS	REPORT FOR: MONTH YEAR May 1996	
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When no flooding occurs, include miscellaneous river conditions, such as significant rises, record low stages, ice conditions, snow cover, droughts, and hydrologic products issued (NWS Instruction 10-924)

X No flood stages were reached in this HSA in for the month above.

No river flooding occurred in west Texas or in Eddy and Lea counties of New Mexico during the month of April.

Drought conditions continued through most of May...however significant precipitation amounts were received on the night of the 30<sup>th</sup> into the morning of the 31<sup>st</sup> when deep atmospheric moisture was established ahead of a slow-moving upper level disturbance. The heaviest rain was centered over Terrell and eastern Brewster counties, where Doppler Radar and Satellite estimated up to 4 inches of rain. This required a flash flood warning for those areas.

The precipitation at the end of May was welcome...but it fell far short of relieving drought conditions over southwest Texas. The Midland International Airport recorded 0.11 inches of rain for May. This is 1.87 inches below normal for the month...and Midland still stands 2.95 inches below normal for 1996.

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