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**Midland**

**MONTHLY REPORT OF RIVER AND FLOOD CONDITIONS**

REPORT FOR:

MONTH

YEAR

**December**

**1996**

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DATE

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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)*

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

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

Almost no precipitation was observed over the HSA in the month of December. The Midland International Airport reported a trace for the month, compared to a normal of 0.56 inches. A precipitation deficit was observed for all of 1996, as 8.84 inches of precipitation fell, compared to a normal of 14.96 inches. This is the third consecutive year of below normal precipitation at the Midland International Airport, as 1994 and 1995 saw 10.69 inches and 10.70 inches of precipitation, respectively.

Although the above data may exaggerate the severity of the drought over the rest of the HSA, it is still apparent that the HSA has generally experienced below normal precipitation for at least the past year. Therefore, it should be no surprise that reservoir levels across the region and in northern Mexico remain well below conservation levels and the flood threat remains low.

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