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HYDROLOGIC SERVICE AREA (HSA)

Midland, Texas

**MONTHLY REPORT OF RIVER AND FLOOD CONDITIONS**

REPORT FOR:

MONTH

YEAR

**April**

**1998**

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**5/13/98**

*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 April.**

**April was an extremely dry month for the HSA. Nearly all locations reported zero inches of precipitation for the month, with a few sites reporting little more than a tenth of an inch.**

**The Midland International Airport reported zero inches of precipitation for April for the first time since 1964. This is only the third time the Midland/Odessa area has seen such a dry April since records began in 1931. The last measurable rainfall at the airport occurred on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Yearly precipitation at the Midland International Airport remains at 1.16 inches, which is less than half the year-to-date normal of 2.43 inches.**

**Recent precipitation totals remain near or below normal across most of the HSA. With longer-term precipitation totals below normal, reservoir levels across the region and in northern Mexico remain well below conservation levels and the flood threat remains low.**

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