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HYDROLOGIC SERVICE AREA (HSA)

Midland, Texas

**MONTHLY REPORT OF RIVER AND FLOOD CONDITIONS**

REPORT FOR:

MONTH

YEAR

**May**

**1998**

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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 May.**

May was another dry month for the HSA. Part of the northern HSA fared slightly better, when thunderstorms roared through the northern Permian Basin and the southern South Plains on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. At Forsan, rainfall amounts exceeded three inches for the month. Most other areas reported between one tenth and three tenths of an inch. Carlsbad, New Mexico and Marathon, Texas were among the few sites that reported no precipitation for the month; several other locations had less than a tenth of an inch.

The Midland International Airport reported 0.02 inches of precipitation for May. This was the driest May Ever recorded at the Midland International Airport. Yearly precipitation at the Midland International Airport stands at 1.18 inches, which is less than a third of the year-to-date normal of 4.41 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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