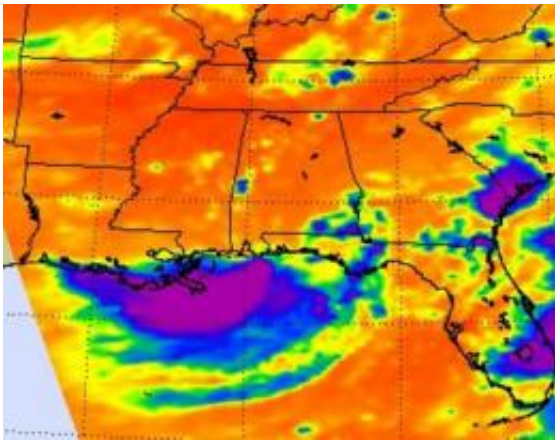


NASA satellites investigate: Tropical Depression 5 may rise again

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Tropical Depression Five's remnants made a loop into southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi this weekend and have again emerged in the Gulf of Mexico. Being back in the warm Gulf waters has given TD 5 a good chance for rebirth and NASA satellites are watching the storm's thunderstorms build.

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On Monday, August 16, the remnant low of TD5 was located over the northeastern Gulf of Mexico about 60 miles southwest of Panama City, Florida. The National Hurricane Center noted that "[Environmental conditions](#) are forecast to be conducive for some development of this system as it moves generally westward and then west-northwestward over the northern Gulf of Mexico during the next day or so."

TD5's remnant low pressure area will continue to do what it's done over the weekend, bring heavy rainfall wherever it goes. So, coastal areas in portions of the north central [Gulf of Mexico](#) will experience locally heavy rainfall and gusty winds through Tuesday. Meanwhile, TD5 has a 60 percent chance of being reborn as "Tropical Depression 5" again.

Provided by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

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