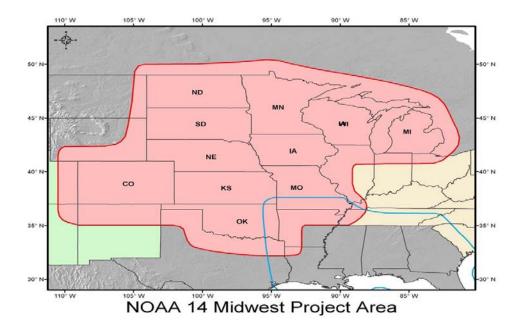
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FUNDING SOURCE: LEGAL CITATION:	Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund M.L. 2008, Chp. 367, Sec 2, Subd. 5(c)

Overall Project Outcome and Results

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$100,000

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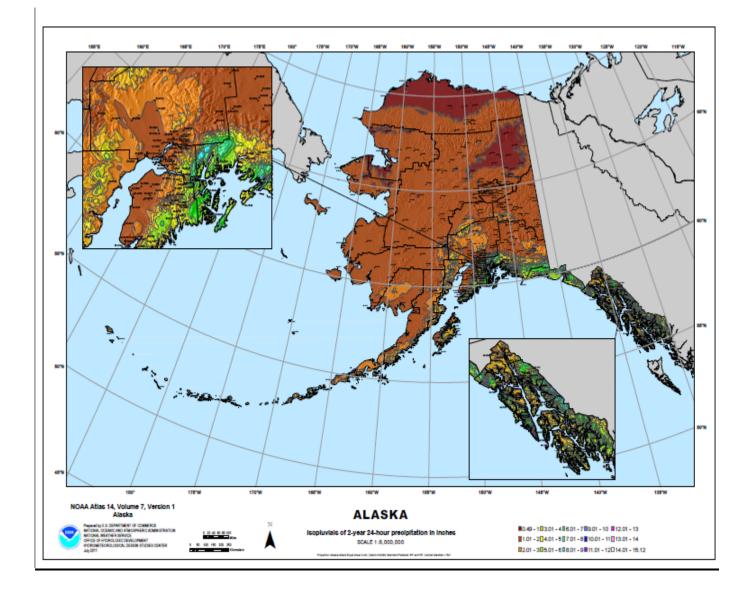
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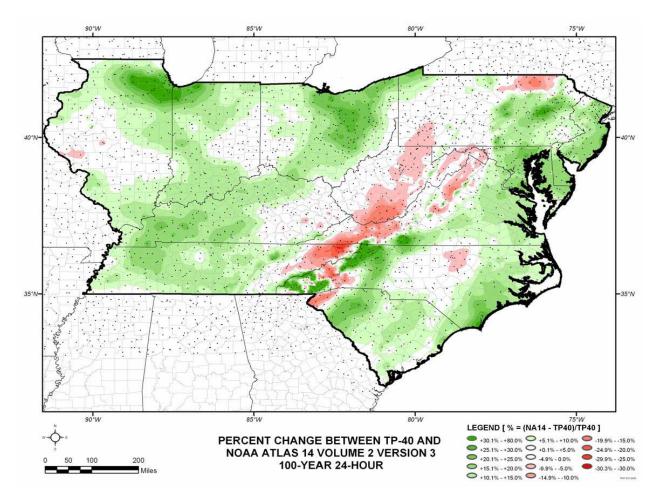
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Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2008 Work Program Final Report

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Appropriation Language:

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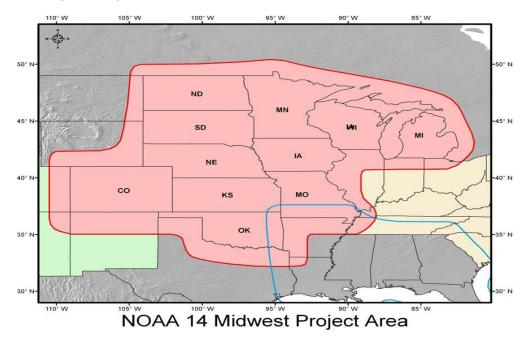
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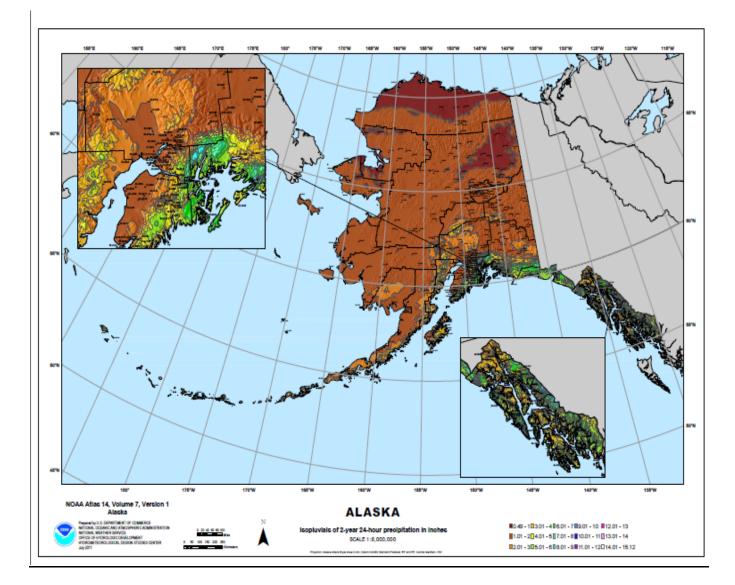
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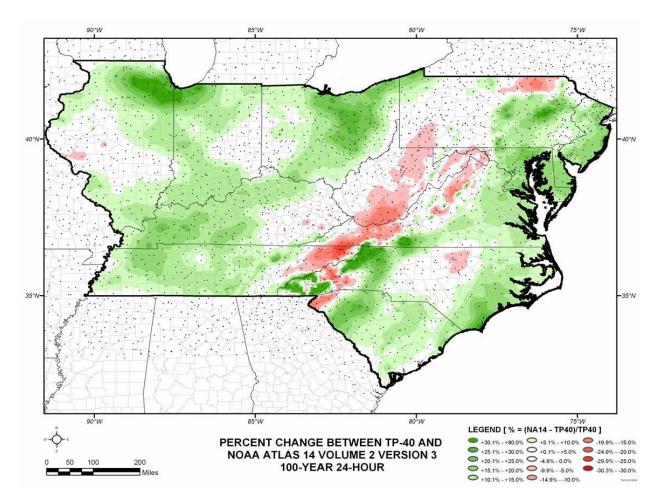
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IV. Outline of Project Results:

Total Budget: \$200,000;	Environmental Trust Fund Contribution: \$100,000
Deliverable Sequence	Grand Completion Date: June 30, 2011

Result 1: Data collection and quality control.

Description: Daily and hourly rain gauge data are the primary sources of information for this project. There were 344 daily Minnesota precipitation stations chosen from the MNDNR Climatology office (including three from just across the border in Wisconsin). Each of these stations had at least 10 years of data. The data period was from 1970 to January, 2009. The longest record in the file was 43 years beginning in 1966. In addition, 22 stations were used from the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, Minnesota: Metering and Alarm Rainfall Database providing 15 minute data. Our Canadian partners (Environment Canada) contributed 284 daily stations that were included in the Midwest study. In addition, 35 stations provided hourly data, a significant amount of data, to help better define border patterns.

Rainfall data for other durations (5-min, 15-min) were collected and used to develop short-duration frequency estimates. The data has been assembled in digital form in a manner that is amenable to manipulation and collation in variety of different ways. The specific form of the storage will follow the techniques and formats refined during the development of NOAA Atlas 14 Volumes 1-3.

Data which may contribute to estimation of annual maximum series, partial duration series, or temporal distributions has been quality controlled. Data whose quality is not satisfactory was removed from the database and will not be used in subsequent analyses. In cases where data were changed, the change will be maintained in a log for future reference.

The data were analyzed to determine the seasonality of heavy rainfall. Seasonality was used as additional quality control measure by excluding years in which there are insufficient observations during the heavy rainfall months. The data records were also examined to ensure a minimum number of data years at each station. Stations with an insufficient number of data years will be excluded. The minimum number of data years is a tradeoff between a sufficient number of data years and a sufficient density of stations included in the analysis. Stations with large gaps in the period of record have been examined to ensure that there is no change in statistics across the gap. Nearby stations with complementary periods of record that would otherwise have an insufficient number of data years were examined as candidates for merging.

The data will be used to create annual maximum series (AMS) and partial duration series (PDS). Those series was examined for potential outliers and for trends in time series that may be caused by

urbanization, climate change, etc. It was found that there was insufficient data in Minnesota to evaluate the very short term duration events less than 15 minutes.

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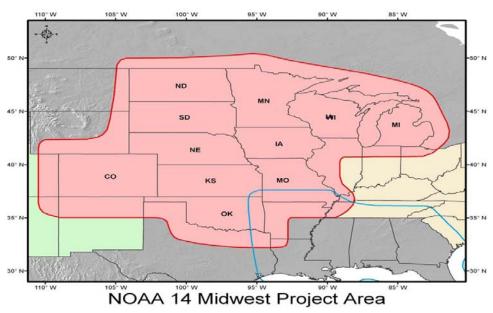
September 30, 2009. \$50,000 Spent

Final Report Summary

The last of 11 Midwest states entered into contracts with NOAA/NWS and submitted funds via the Federal Highway Administration Pooled Fund Program by April, 2009. The project, while more cost efficient with 11 states, got off to a slower start due to the extent of administrative details and sheer volume of data from about ½ of the contiguous United States.

The Hydrometeorological Design Studies Center of the National Weather Service Headquarters (Silver Spring, MD) began data transfer inquiries and distributing protocols in August, 2008. Preliminary data uploading from the Minnesota State Climatology Office (Greg Spoden) was initiated at that time.

Primary activities in this period focused on data reformatting, initial data quality control, and extraction of annual maximum series. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Office of Climatology submitted our Minnesota data which has been formatted. Minnesota contributed 344 stations having at least 10 years of daily data but NOAA rejected volunteer monitoring data that did not have at least 10 years of observations.



Data collection, formatting and initial quality control reviews were completed and reported by NOAA in their quarterly report through April, 2010. This work element was completed in November, 2010.

Result 2. Regionalization

Description: NWS's rainfall frequency analysis approach relies on the development of homogeneous climatological geographic areas. This step will result in the definition of regions that may be considered homogenous based on climatological characteristics and selected statistical criteria.

Summary Budget Information for	Trust Fund Budget: Amount Spent:			\$25,000 \$25,000	
	Balance: \$		\$	0	
Deliverable	Completi	on Date	Budget		<u>Status</u>
1. Develop precipitation regions.	Decembe	r 31, 2009	\$25,000)	Spent

Final Report Summary

The addition of the Southeast states (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida to the effort slowed completion of the regionalization, but has improved the quality of the final products. NOAA reported that work was completed at this time for the Midwest state, subject to peer review of products.

Result 3. Frequency distribution selection and fitting studies

Description: A suite of probability distribution functions have been evaluated for best fit to data. The outcome of this task is the selection of the best frequency distribution for each region and each storm duration for both annual maximum and partial duration series. The parameters of the selected distributions were computed as were the ratios of average partial duration to annual maximum estimates for different exceedance probabilities.

Summary Budget Inform	mation for Result 3: Tru	Trust Fund Budget: \$25,000							
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Deliverable	Deliverable Completion Date Budget Status 1. Statistical frequency distributions for each region								
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Final Report Summary.

Work began in late 2009 looking at wet season frequency analyses. NOAA reports that this work has been completed for Minnesota with publication pending completion of review of the entire Midwest and Southeast US data (for outliers, trends and refining spatial patterns).

Other Related Results to be Completed Using Other Funds

- **Frequency calculations:** NWS has used the above determined best-fit probability distributions for each region and duration to compute the precipitation frequency estimates at each rain gage location. The product of this task is a set of precipitation frequency estimates for durations from 60 minutes to 60 days at each observation location.
- Short Duration Estimates: Due to the scarcity of data with duration of less than 1 hour, precipitation frequency estimates for sub-hourly durations was computed as a ratio of hourly duration estimates, for sites with adequate data. The final products of this task will be sub-hourly precipitation frequency estimates at each hourly station in the project area.

- Internal Consistency at Observing Locations: An extensive quality control continues to be performed on all frequency estimates. For example, for each average recurrence interval and location precipitation frequency estimates will be compared with longer-duration estimates to ensure that estimates are not higher for shorter durations than for longer durations. The product from this task will be a set of precipitation frequency values, for each duration, at each observing location that satisfy at-site internal consistency.
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V. TOTAL TRUST FUND BUDGET

Staff or Contract Services: \$100,000

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VI. OTHER FUNDS and PARTNERS:

A. Project Partners: Minnesota Department of Transportation, Local Road Research Board

B. Other Funds Proposed to be spent during the Project Period: \$100,000 from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Local Road Research Board.

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C. Past Spending: Not applicable

D. Time: Three years duration beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2011

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VII. DISSEMINATION:

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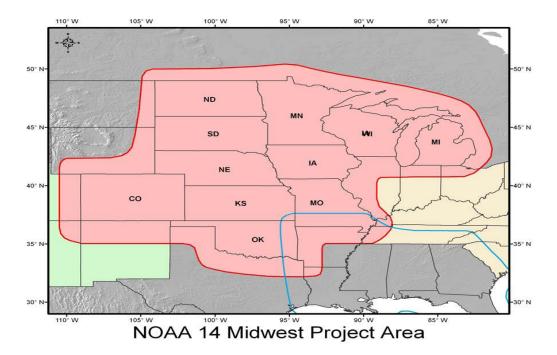
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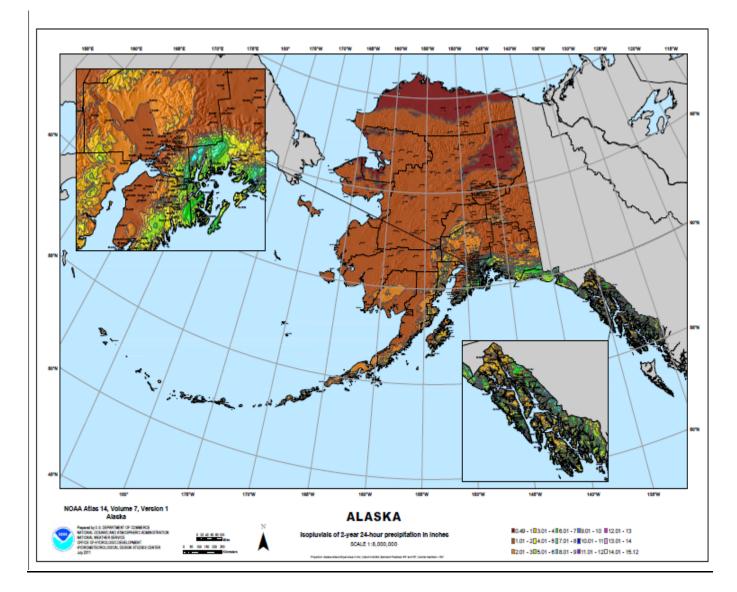
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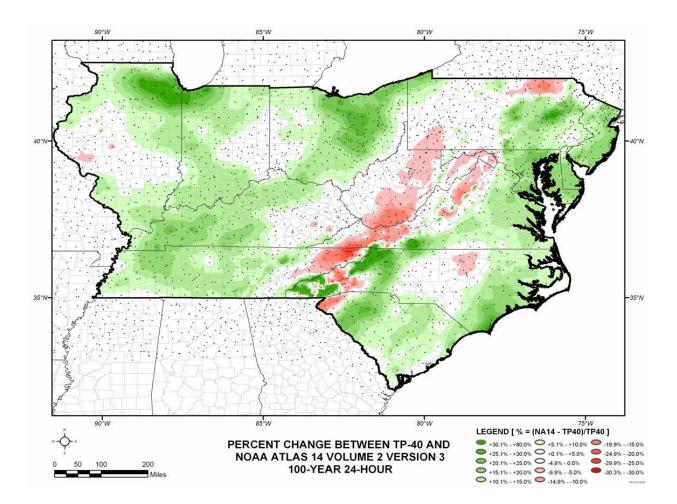
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lesser amounts associated with brown colors (e.g. less than 3 inches) with greater amounts shown in green (~ 5 to 9 inches) and yet greater amounts in blue/pink (e.g. 9 to 15 inches).



Example: Regional Products. The below product for east-central US depicts the percent change in rainfall between the old TP-40 rainfall intensity data to the new NOAA Atlas 14 for a 100-year, 24-hour storm event with green colors showing increased amounts (up to 30% to 80% (pocket by Chicago) increase from TP-40 values) and red shades depicting declining amounts (up to ~ 30% declines in the mountain areas from old TP-40 values). Hence, using TP-40 data could result in the use of significantly different rainfall amounts than current data would suggest, for the design of developments and associated infrastructure.



Summary of Final Deliverables to be Freely Disseminated by Spring 2012:

- NOAA web-based Precipitation Frequency Data Server
- Precipitation frequency estimates with 90% confidence intervals at rain gage locations for durations of 15, and 30 minutes, 1, 2, 3, 6, 12 hours, and 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 20, 30, 45, and 60 days and average recurrence intervals (return period)) of 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 200, 500, and 1000 years
- High resolution grids of average precipitation frequency estimates and 90% confidence intervals for each combination of duration and average recurrence intervals, as specified above .
- Shapefiles of contours of the gridded estimates of average precipitation frequency estimates and 90% confidence intervals for each combination of durations and average recurrence intervals specified above
- Meta information in Federal Geographic Data Transfer Standard format
- Cartographic maps of the estimates with one map for each combination of frequency and duration for the expected value and upper and lower 90% confidence intervals or equivalent information delivered through an Internet map server
- Probabilistic temporal distributions for 6, 12, 24 and 48 hour durations in both chart and digital form
- Peer reviews of initial gridded frequency estimates for 1 and 24 hour durations and for 2-year and 100-year average recurrence intervals

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• Charts of the seasonal distribution of annual maxima

Updating Precipitation Intensities for Runoff Estimation and Infrastructure Designs

- Documentation
- Status reports
- Final products will be provided on the NOAA/NWS website <u>www.nws.noaa.gov/ohd/hdsc</u>

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2008 Projects	- Summary and a	a Budget pag	ge for each	partner (if appli	cable)						
Project Title: Updating Precipitation Intensities for Runoff Estimation and Infrastruc			ure Designs								
Project Manager Name: C. Bruce Wilson (651-757-2828)											
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