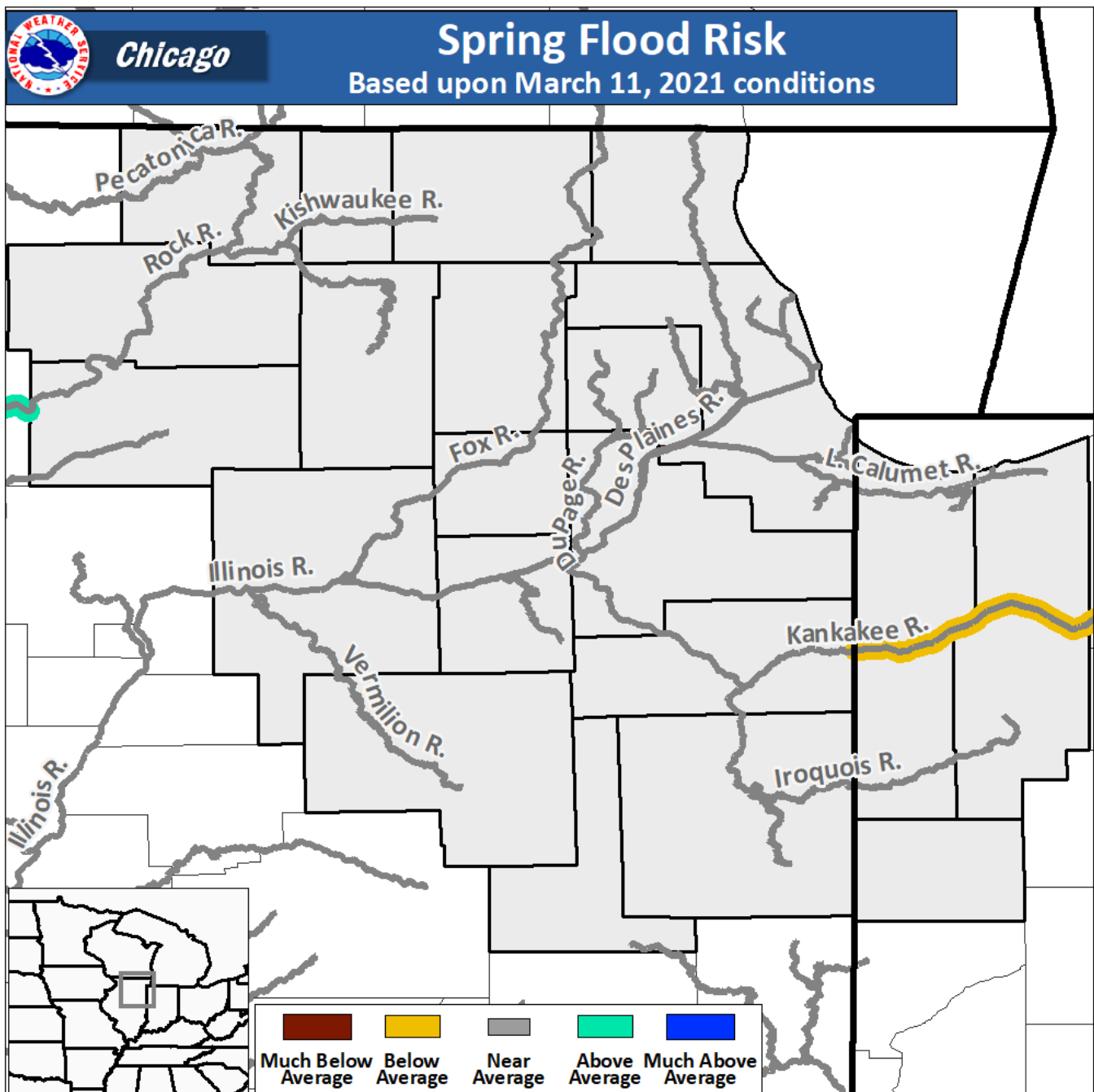




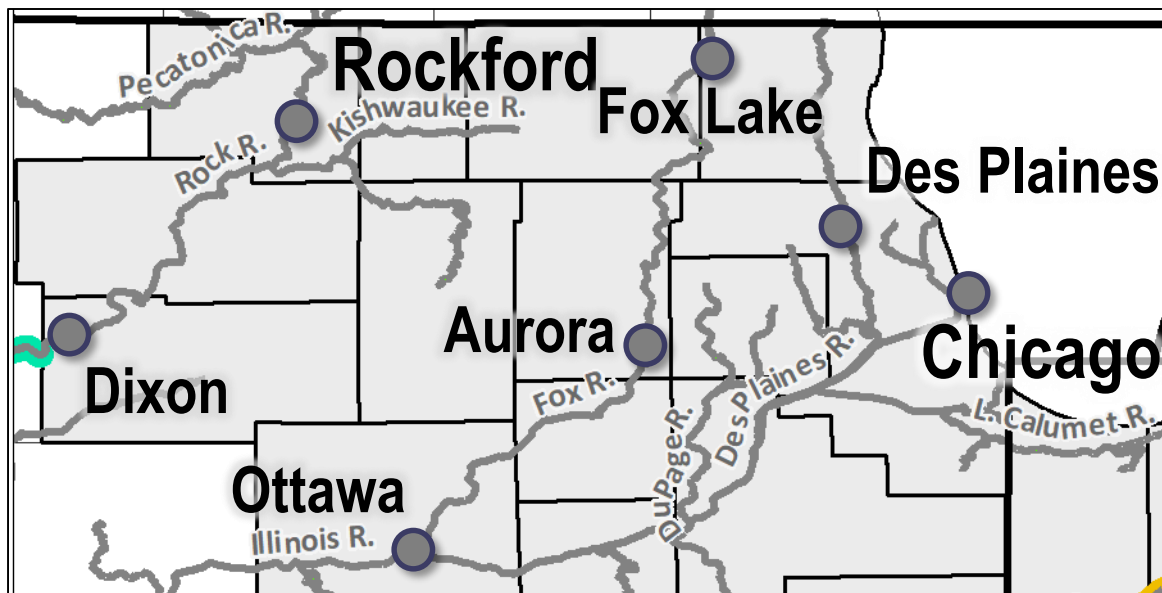
Final Spring Flood Outlook of 2021 Issued

The final spring flood outlook of 2021 was issued today. Based on current conditions, the risk of flooding ranges from below average to near average. The risk of flooding has slightly decreased in the Rock, Fox, Des Plaines, and Illinois River basins.



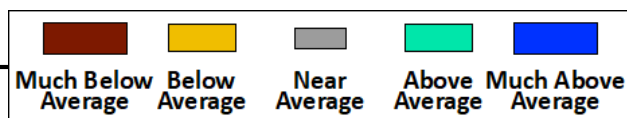
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Rock, Fox, Des Plaines, and Illinois River Basins

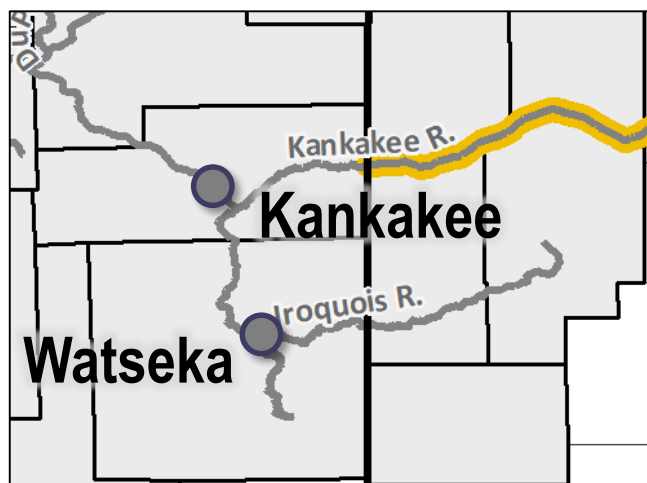


Spring Flood Risk Factors:

- ✓ **River Levels.... increased risk**
- ✓ **Soil Moisture... no effect**
- ✓ **Snow Cover... no effect**
- ✓ **Frost Depth... decreased risk**
- Spring Precipitation**
- ✓ **Spring Temperatures.... no longer a factor due to snow melt**

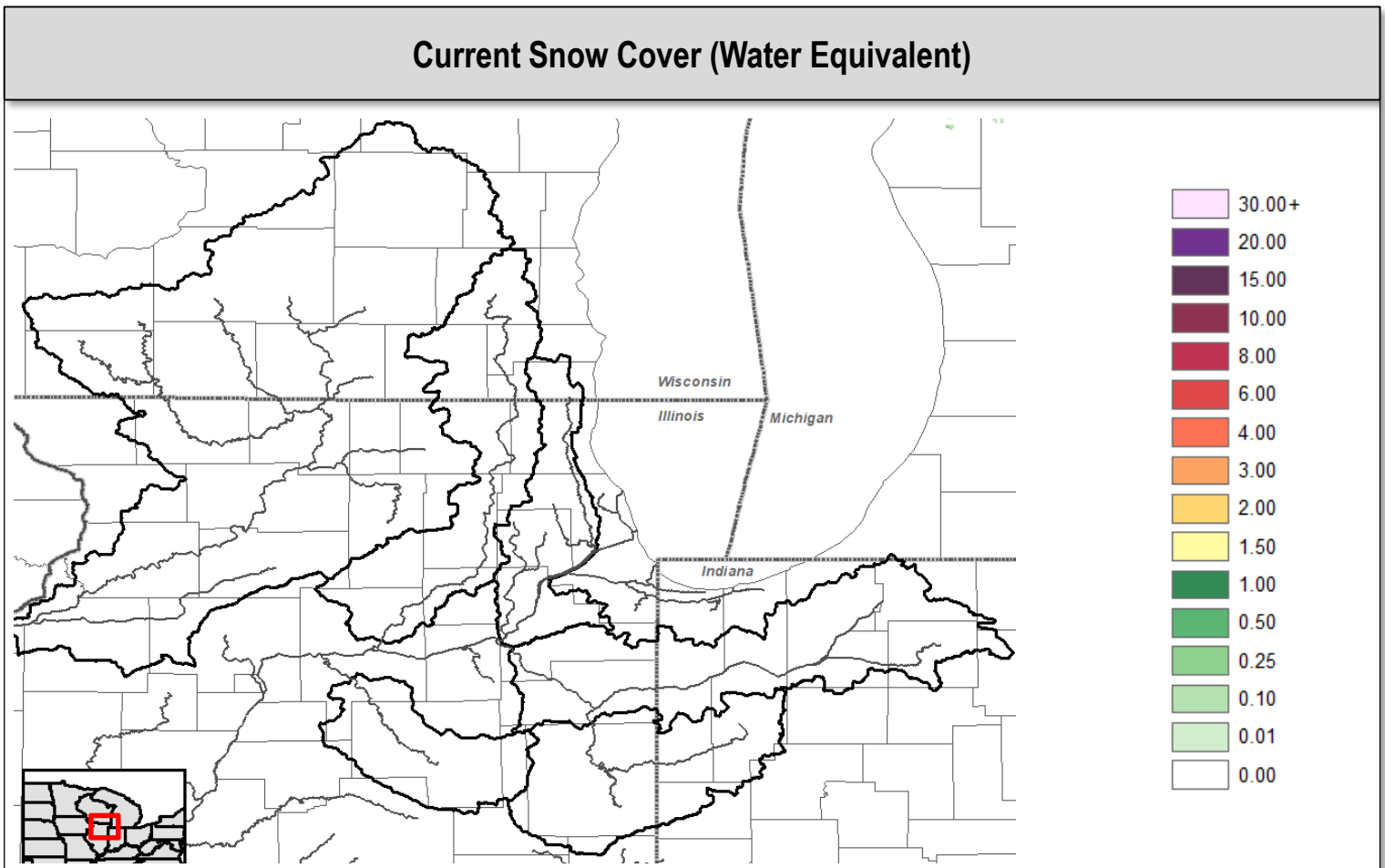
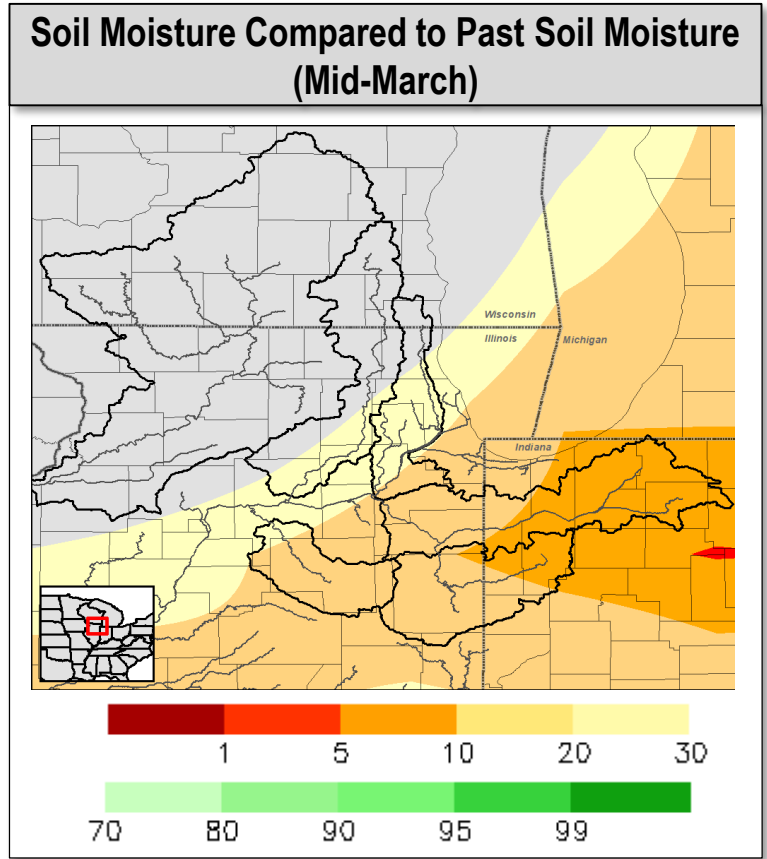
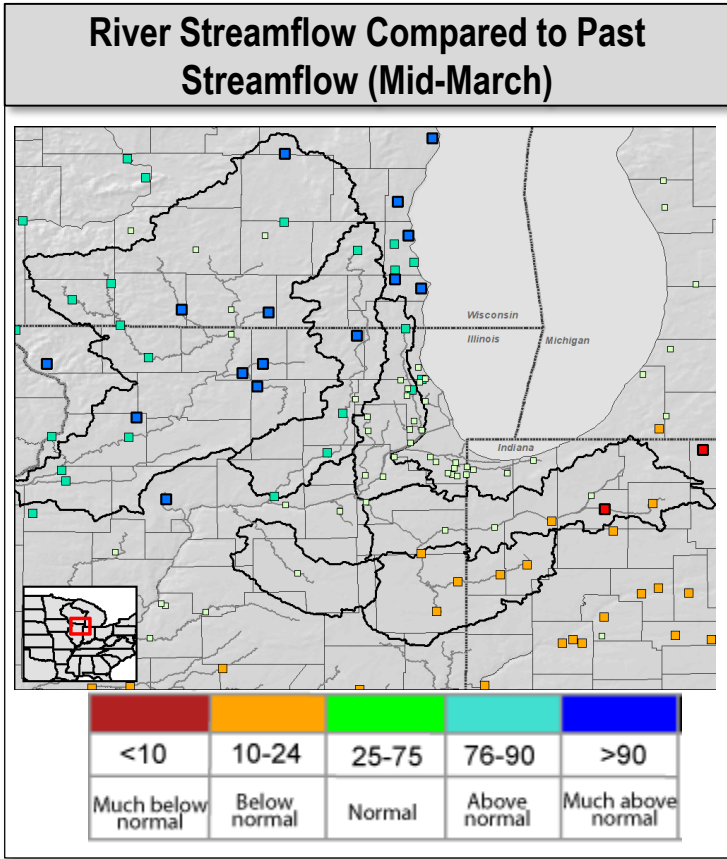


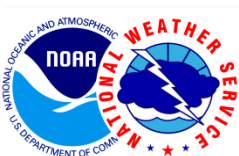
Kankakee River Basin



Spring Flood Risk Factors:

- ✓ **River Levels.... No effect**
- ✓ **Soil Moisture... decreased risk**
- ✓ **Snow Cover... no effect**
- ✓ **Frost Depth... decreased risk**
- Spring Precipitation**
- ✓ **Spring Temperatures.... no longer a factor due to snow melt**





Remaining Uncertainties

Although snow cover, soil moisture, and recent river levels can provide some indication of the relative risk of spring flooding, any weather system that produces heavy rainfall could cause flooding. Spring flood outlooks are not able to assess the risk of flooding due to heavy rainfall more than a week or so in advance.

Note: A higher risk of spring flooding is no guarantee that flooding will occur, and a lower risk is no guarantee that flooding will not occur.

Next Update

This was the final spring flood outlook for 2021. The next outlooks will be issued in late winter and early spring 2022.

Although this is the last official spring flood outlook, long range forecasts indicating the relative risk of flooding due to soil moisture and river streamflow conditions are updated each month throughout the year. Look for "Long-Range Flood Risk" on AHPS.

Stay Informed

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water.weather.gov

The latest weather forecasts and watches/warnings are available
on the NWS Chicago website:
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