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Areas affected...Southeast NE...Far Northeast KS...Far Southwest IA...Far Northwest MO

Concerning...Tornado Watch 273...

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The severe weather threat for Tornado Watch 273 continues.

SUMMARY...Threat for tornadoes continues across southeast NE and far northeast KS. convective trends will be monitored for additional storm development across far southwest IA and far northwest MO.

DISCUSSION...A complex surface pattern persists across eastern NE southward into central and eastern KS. Recent surface analysis places a low about 20 miles west-southwest of CNK, with a dryline arcing eastward and then southeastward from the low to the central KS/MO border. Additionally, a cold front extends northeastward from the low through southeast NE into far western IA. Storms have been developing along these boundaries, but the quick northeastward progression of the dryline coupled with eastward movement of the cold front has led to undercutting and limited residence time in the warm-sector thus far. Several cells along the dryline have tried to organize, with several left splits noted, but the slower and slightly more eastward storm motion that results has been undercut thus far. Even so, strong vertical shear and robust buoyancy amid strong forcing for ascent will result in continual severe thunderstorm development and the potential for a tornado or two.



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Farther west, an evolving storm cluster is ongoing across Jefferson and Saline counties. This cluster has surged eastward with the cold front and a recent storm merger increased the storm intensity. Robust surface vorticity is in place near this storm, which likely contributed to recent tornadogenesis. Complex storm and boundary interactions are currently ongoing, but the threat for tornado should continue with this cluster for at least the next half hour or so.

The warm sector is expected to become increasingly narrow over time. However, some low potential for additional storms exists within areas downstream of the watch (i.e. far northwest MO and far southwest IA) and convective trends will be monitored.

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