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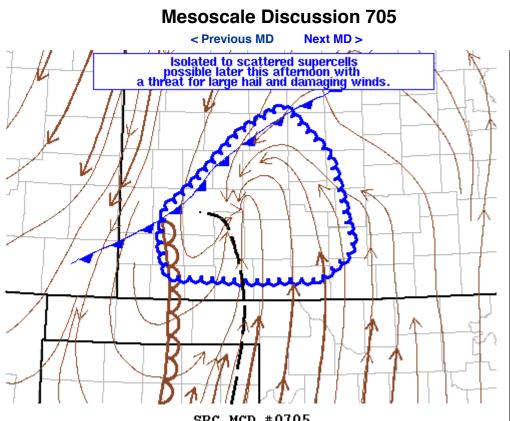
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Mesoscale Discussion 0705 NWS Storm Prediction Center Norman OK 0215 PM CDT Sun May 24 2020

Areas affected...West central Kansas

Concerning...Severe potential...Watch possible

Valid 241915Z - 242115Z

Probability of Watch Issuance...60 percent

SUMMARY...Isolated to scattered supercells are possible later this afternoon with a threat for large hail and damaging winds.

DISCUSSION...Convergence has increased near the triple point in west central Kansas over the past hour as evidenced by the increased cu clustering across the region. Temperatures are currently in the upper 70s but should increase into the mid 80s in the next 1 to 2 hours. With dewpoints in upper 50s to low 60s, MLCAPE is expected to peak around 2000 to 2500 J/kg in the region later this afternoon. This area is currently capped, but storms are expected to form by late this afternoon as CINH erodes across the area.

This region lies on the eastern periphery of stronger mid-level flow associated with the jet streak in eastern Colorado. Enough of this stronger flow should overspread this region to support a supercell wind profile. The primary threat will be large hail and damaging winds. As the low-level jet strengthens after 00Z, a briefly higher tornado threat may exist before continued upscale growth leads to a messier/more linear storm mode.

Once convective initiation occurs, likely in the next 2-3 hours, a watch may be needed.

..Bentley/Hart.. 05/24/2020

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