

Signal Interpretation Guide: Rainfall and River Alerts

Observed vs forecast

- Observed rainfall or river data describes what has already happened.
- Forecast information describes what may happen and should be labeled clearly.

Useful habits

- Always note the date and time of the signal.
- Keep geographic scope explicit.
- Separate field reports from technical measurements.
- If multiple weak signals point in the same direction, say that attention may be warranted, but avoid certainty.

Human review triggers

- Missing dates
- Missing locations
- Conflicting severity levels
- Unclear source or stale source