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Severe Weather Possible this Weekend

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - An unusually strong storm front is threatening the Midwest from the central Plains to the Mississippi Valley over the next several days.

The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma says the system could bring heavy thunder, wind, rain and possibly tornadoes on Friday.

Meteorologist Gregory Carbin says about one-third of Iowa and parts of southern Minnesota have a 45 percent chance of severe storms. More than 1 million people live in that risk area.

Parts of Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Wisconsin are also on the storm front's path. Areas as far south as Oklahoma and Texas could be affected.

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