



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	24-0011 08APR Severe Weather
Date	May 15, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM May 14 to 8:00 AM May 15, 2024
Report Number	36

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	3 and 4
DDs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On May 2, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved his request for a disaster declaration in Texas communities affected by severe weather and flooding early last month. Texas counties included in the declaration are Angelina, Hardin, Jasper, Newton, Orange, Sabine, San Augustine, and Tyler counties.

On April 29, Governor Abbott announced that he has requested a disaster declaration from the SBA for Texas communities affected by severe storms and flooding that began on April 8. If approved, the SBA declaration would make federal assistance available in the form of disaster loans for Jasper County and its contiguous counties.

On April 25, TDEM announced that the agency has requested officials from the SBA join local and state partners in conducting joint preliminary damage assessments in East Texas communities impacted by recent severe storms and flooding to determine if Texas meets the threshold for additional federal disaster assistance.

On April 15, Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration for the severe storms and flooding in East Texas, including Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Panola, Shelby, and Tyler Counties.

On April 9, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to deploy additional state emergency response resources ahead of severe storms and flash flooding, including large hail and tornadoes, expected to move across Texas.

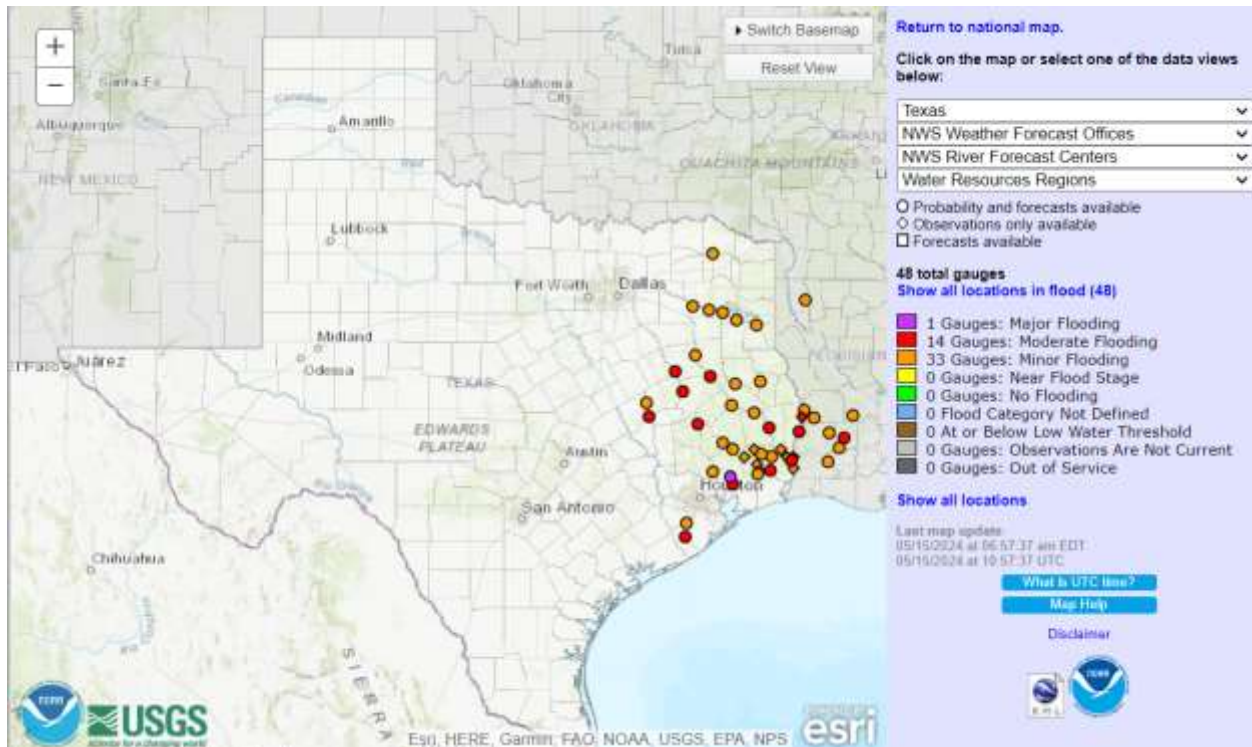
The Governor directed TDEM to mobilize state emergency response resources and

increase the readiness level of the State Emergency Operations Center to Level II (Escalated Response) in preparation for severe weather.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

NWS Flood Gauges: as of 06:00 AM, May 15



Major river flooding is being reported at the Trinity River near Liberty.

Region 3 (Includes DDs 5, 6, 14, and 15)

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

Panola County: On April 11, Panola County submitted a Letter to the Governor.

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties)

Shelby County: On April 10, Shelby County submitted a Disaster Declaration. On April 15, Shelby County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline.

Tyler County: On April 10, Tyler County submitted a Disaster Declaration. On April 14, Tyler County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline. On April 15, Tyler County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline.

Newton County: On April 10, Newton County, and the City of Newton, submitted Disaster Declarations. On April 15, Newton County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Summary Outline.

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, and Orange Counties)

Jefferson County: On April 15, Jefferson County submitted a Disaster Declaration. On April 15, Port Arthur, in Jefferson County, submitted a Disaster Declaration.

Jasper County: On April 10, Jasper County submitted a Disaster Declaration. On April 14, Jasper County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline.

Hardin County: On April 10, Harding County submitted a Disaster Declaration.

Region 4 (Includes DD 16)

DD 16 – Houston (Includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties)

Galveston County: The Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) is coordinating with Texas Gulf Coast Regional Voluntary Organizations in Disaster (TGCRVOAD) for debris cleanup.

Harris County: Damages were confirmed by the National Weather Service (NWS) from an F-1 Tornado.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) has assigned one personnel to the SOC.

American Red Cross (ARC): The ARC has provided 10,851 meals, snacks and heater meals, distributed emergency supplies (DES) to 145 households, and 152 clean up kits as of April 30.

Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC): The SBTC has provided 557 showers, 1,293 meals, 97 messages were managed by the Communications Team, provided 4,400 total volunteer hours, and has demobilized all shower units as of May 3.

Texas Baptist Men (TBM): The TBM one team deployed until May 4 at the First Baptist Church in Kirbyville, assisting with recovery operations. TBM has performed 14 tear-outs and 15 mold remediation jobs for a total of 923.5 volunteer hours.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
DSHS	SCO	1	0	Activated	San Antonio
Mass Care	ESF6 LNO	1	0	Assigned	SOC

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem.texas.gov/response/state-operations-center#tab-3>

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