

# Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

# **New Information is in Blue Text**

| Event Name         | 24-0015 17JUN Tropical Weather           |  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Date               | June 27, 2024                            |  |  |
| Time               | 10:00 AM                                 |  |  |
| Operational Period | 8:00 AM June 26 to 8:00 AM June 27, 2024 |  |  |
| Report Number      | 9  |  |  |

| Regions Affected      |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| TDEM Regions Affected | 5    |
| DDs Active            | None |

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On June 19, Governor Abbott <u>issued a disaster declaration</u> for 51 Texas counties as Tropical Storm Alberto moves through the Gulf of Mexico with impacts expected to continue across the southern half of Texas.

On June 18, Governor Abbott <u>directed</u> the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to increase the readiness level of the Texas State Emergency Operations Center to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) to begin 24-hour operations ahead of tropical weather hazards expected to impact the state.

This tropical system, according to the National Weather Service, was expected to further develop and cause potentially dangerous rainfall and flooding across large areas of the state. The areas of concern included South Texas, Coastal Bend, and Southeast Texas.

On June 17, Governor Abbott <u>directed</u> TDEM to activate state emergency response resources ahead of impacts from tropical weather threats.

#### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

- 1. Protect life and property.
- 2. Support rapid & effective response.
- 3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decisionmaking.

4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

# Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

On June 24, DDEOCs returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions).

## **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):

**Communications Coordination Group (CCG):** Amateur Radio services established an emergency communications net and are monitoring calls for assistance. In Jim Hogg County, a tornado siren was reported damaged, and efforts are being made to repair or find a replacement.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):** AgriLife DAR Agents have pushed out weather information, iSTAT and pSTAT submissions and have been in contact with officials in affected counties to monitor needs and provide support. County extension agents have notified landowners to move livestock and equipment out of flood prone areas. AgriLife continues to monitor the situation and is ready to respond with partners.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) and Texas Task Force 2 (TX-TF2): On June 25, all remaining resources have been authorized by TDEM for demobilization.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS)**: TAMFS has released all resources.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ has staff available to respond to air and water issues including drinking water and wastewater.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** DSHS has liaisons at the SOC, with Public Health Region 8 (San Antonio), Public Health Region 6/5 (Houston) and Public Health Region 11 (Harlingen) were placed at a heightened activation level on June 19. On June 24, EMTF demobilized resources.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)**: As of June 24, TxDOT has six state-maintained roads that are reported impacted by water on roadways and three roads remain closed due to prior storm damage. All TxDOT coastal districts have returned to normal operations. All TxDOT resources were released on June 25.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD activated six Ground Transportation Platoons (GTPs), two Ground Transportation Company Headquarters (GTCHQ), and the State Operations Center (SOC) Support Team. All TMD resources were released on June 25.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** As of June 20, TPWD has resumed normal operations and remains ready to respond.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** On June 22, the ARC closed the Corpus Christi Natatorium shelter. In Rockport, one home was found with minor damage, and damage assessments will begin in North Beach, Corpus Christi, as soon as waters recede.

### **STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

| Agency   | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equip | Status   | Location        |
|----------|------------------------|-----------|-------|----------|-----------------|
| DSHS     | SOC LNO<br>Day/Night   | 1         | 0     | Assigned | Austin          |
| DSHS     | SCO Day/Night          | 1         | 0     | Assigned | Austin          |
| AgriLife | IST Support            | 1         | 1     | Assigned | San Antonio     |
| AgriLife | SOC Liaison            | 2         | 0     | Assigned | Austin          |
| AgriLife | Extension Admin        | 2         | 0     | Assigned | College Station |
| HHSC     | SOC Liaison            | 1         | 0     | Assigned | Austin          |
| TCEQ     | SOC Liaison            | 1         | 0     | Assigned | Austin          |

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness 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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