



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	24-0014 26APR Severe Weather
Date	July 18, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM July 17 to 8:00 AM July 18, 2024
Report Number	78

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8
DDs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On July 16, Governor Abbott announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved 11 additional Texas counties for the federal disaster declaration for the severe weather and flooding that began on April 26 and occurred through June 5. With this FEMA approval of 11 new counties for Public Assistance programs, qualifying entities in 69 total counties are now eligible to apply.

On July 2, Governor Abbott announced FEMA approved fifteen additional Texas counties for the Federal Disaster Declaration for severe weather and flooding that began on April 26.

On June 28, Governor Abbott amended the state's disaster declaration for severe weather and flooding, adding Cochran, Coke, Morris, Rains, Sterling, and Wharton Counties.

On June 25, Governor Abbott announced FEMA approved seven additional Texas counties for the Federal Disaster Declaration for severe weather and flooding that began on April 26.

On June 14, Governor Abbott announced that FEMA approved adding Bell, Robertson, and Terrell counties to the Federal Disaster Declaration.

On June 13, Governor Abbott amended the state's disaster declaration for severe weather and flooding, adding Hopkins and Titus counties.

On June 8, Governor Abbott announced that FEMA approved three additional Texas counties for the Federal Disaster Declaration for severe weather and flooding that began on April 26. With this FEMA approval of 3 new counties for Individual Assistance programs, qualifying Texans in 35 total counties are now eligible to apply for federal disaster assistance.

On June 7, Governor Abbott announced that FEMA approved 36 additional Texas counties for the Presidential Disaster Declaration for severe weather and flooding that began on April 26. FEMA approved Individual Assistance for 5 new counties, with qualifying Texans in 32 total counties now eligible to apply. FEMA also approved Public Assistance for 31 new counties, with qualifying entities in 38 total counties now eligible to apply.

On June 5, Governor Abbott amended the state's severe weather disaster declaration to add Bailey, Bowie, Cass, Midland, Red River, and Terrell counties, bringing the total number of counties under the disaster declaration to 117.

On June 5, Governor Abbott announced that FEMA approved Austin, Dallas, Hockley, Kaufman, and Newton counties for FEMA's Individual Assistance programs.

On May 31, Governor Abbott announced that he added five counties to the state's disaster declaration for Texas communities impacted by recent severe weather. The counties added include Dallas, Fannin, Hockley, Lynn, and Rockwall.

Additionally, the Governor announced that FEMA approved a request from the State of Texas to add three more counties impacted by severe weather to the Presidential Disaster Declaration. FEMA has added Bell, Henderson, and Tyler counties to become eligible for FEMA's Individual Assistance program.

On May 26, Governor Abbott signed the state's severe weather disaster declaration to add Denton, Montague, Cooke, and Collin counties, bringing the total number of counties under the disaster declaration to 106.

On May 23, Governor Abbott announced that President Biden amended the Presidential Disaster Declaration for Texas counties impacted by severe weather and flooding that began on April 26.

This partial approval authorizes all categories of work under the FEMA Public Assistance program for seven designated counties to utilize grant funding for emergency work and repair or replacement of disaster-damaged public infrastructure.

The counties eligible for FEMA's Public Assistance program include Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker Counties. The Governor's request for 21 additional counties for FEMA's Public Assistance program remains under review.

Additionally, FEMA approved the request from the State of Texas to add additional counties to the Presidential Disaster Declaration, granting eligibility for FEMA's Individual Assistance programs for those counties. Counties approved for Individual Assistance programs now include Calhoun, Eastland, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker, and Waller Counties.

On May 22, Governor Abbott announced that he added Calhoun, Delta, Jones, and Lamar counties to the state's disaster declaration for counties impacted by severe storms and flooding that began on April 26. Additional counties may be added as damage assessments are completed.

At the Governor's direction and following a review of damage assessments in additional impacted communities which show they exceed federal criteria for disaster assistance, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Chief Nim Kidd has requested the addition of six counties to become eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance programs. Those additional counties include Austin, Ellis, Kaufman, Navarro, Newton, and Tyler.

On May 20, Governor Abbott amended the disaster proclamation for severe storms and flooding to include Calhoun, Delta, Jones, and Lamar Counties.

On May 19, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to request additional counties be added to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for severe weather and flooding that began on April 26.

At the Governor's direction and following a review of damage assessments in additional impacted communities which show they exceed federal criteria for disaster assistance, TDEM Chief Nim Kidd requested the addition of eight counties to become eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance programs. Those additional counties include Calhoun, Eastland, Guadalupe, Hardin, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, and Waller.

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.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): Mass Care is collaborating with our Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) partners and locally impacted counties.

Communications Coordination Group (CCG): TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG) has been released.

Incident Support Task Force (ISTF): There are two ISTF members assigned to the SOC. As of June 7, the Transitional Shelter Assistance program has 5,938 applicants, utilizing 435 hotels with a population of 18,158.

TDEM Private Sector Coordination: TDEM continues to communicate with private sector partners in the affected areas.

Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension (AgriLife): AgriLife resources have been released.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): All TX-PWRT personnel have been released for this incident.

Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1): TX-TF1 & TX-TF2 resources have been released.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS resources have been released.

Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team (VET): On May 15, one Type 4 VET was deployed to the Emergency Animal Shelter at the Coldspring Community Center in San Jacinto County.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT): PUCT resources have been released.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ staff are available to provide technical assistance and guidance on debris management and have approved 56 temporary debris management sites.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ): TDCJ Agricultural Operations sustained more than \$1million in damages due to the flooding and excessive rainfall. All agricultural losses will be submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR): DIR continues to monitor the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. No cyber threats related to this weather event have been identified. There are no requests for network or technology support.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS resources have been released.

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR): TDLR resources have been released.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS has LNOs assigned to the SOC. DSHS is working with local entities who have submitted State of Texas Assistance Requests (STAR) for mosquito abatement and how to best meet their needs.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT resources have been released.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): HHSC resources have been released.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has released all assets.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD resources have been released.

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 6 (FEMA R6): FEMA [Disaster Recovery Centers \(DRC\)](#) link is available to provide locations to residents to acquire information about disaster assistance programs.

American Red Cross (ARC): The ARC has distributed 50,951 snacks, 63,488 meals, and conducted 8,991 Detailed Damage Assessments (DDA).

Mercy Chefs: As of June 3, Mercy Chefs have provided 9,294 meals in Harris County.

Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC): As of May 31, SBTC has provided 14,878 volunteer hours, 23,920 meals, and 1,944 showers. On May 29, SBTC sent the Quick Response Feeding Unit to Levelland. On June 3, the Quick Response Feeding Unit (QRU) was sent to Sylvania Baptist Church in Smith County.

TEXANS ON MISSION (TOM): TOM has provided 2,828 showers, 38,492 meals, 3,100 loads of laundry, and 41,506 volunteer hours as of July 4.

The Salvation Army (TSA): TSA resources have been released.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	Mass Care ESF6	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF Staff	1	0	Assigned	Austin

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) for tropical weather. 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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