Texas Division of Emergency Management

State Situation Report

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Event Name	**26-0023 30 AUG Tropical Weather**
Date	November 16, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM November 9, 2026, to 8:00 AM November 16, 2026
Report Number	37
TDEM Regions Affected	3, 4, 8
Disaster Districts Activated	N/A

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: State agencies remain postured to support local officials with unmet needs following impacts from Tropical Storm Edouard.

On August 31, Governor Greg Abbott held a briefing and press conference at the Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC), where he announced that he directed TDEM to activate additional state resources in anticipation of tropical weather conditions expected to impact the State of Texas. He also announced 24-hour operations had begun at the SOC and provided an update to Texans ahead of the storm threat.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

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

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

Region 3 has completed recovery efforts for this incident.

Disaster Declarations have been submitted by the following Region 3 counties: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Polk, and Tyler. Additionally, the following cities have submitted a disaster declaration: Beaumont, Bevil Oaks, Nederland, and Port Arthur.

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties): DEOC 14 maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, and Orange Counties): DDEOC 15 maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

Region 4 (Includes DD 16)

There have been no reports of major impacts from local jurisdictions. Early in the incident, rainfall of approximately 10 inches was recorded in Liberty County, with 3 to 4 inches of rainfall recorded in the City of Cleveland.

Disaster Declarations have been submitted by the following Region 4 counties: Chambers and Liberty. Additionally, the following have submitted a disaster declaration: Cleveland and Dayton.

DD 16 – Houston (Includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties): DDEOC 16 maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

Region 8 (Includes DDs 11, 12, 13, 23, and 25)

DD 11 – Waco (Includes Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties): DDEOC 11 maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

DD 13 – Bryan (Includes Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington Counties): DDEOC 13 maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

DD 23 – Killeen (Includes Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties): DDEOC 23 maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

DD 25 – Capitol District. DDEOC 25 maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

The State Operations Center (SOC) maintains Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) status in support of this tropical weather incident. The SOC is directing interagency coordination to maintain unified communication, deploy necessary resources, and support response operations in affected regions across Texas.

ESF-2 Communications Coordination Group (CCG):

The Communications Coordination Group (CCG) partners have returned to normal operating conditions along the areas impacted by Tropical Storm Edouard. CCG partners are supporting locals and partnering agencies as needed by request.

ESF-5 Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):

The Incident Support Taks Force (ISTF) remains ready to support response efforts for Tropical Storm Edouard.

ESF-6 Mass Care ISTF:

Monitoring continues for potential Mass Care activities throughout this event. Partner agencies remain on standby and are prepared to provide support as community needs are identified, and requests for assistance are made. Mass Care resources are standing by to support transportation and accountability/tracking operations should they be requested for this event.

As of September 8, TDEM ISTF has demobilized, and recovery operations are being handled at the regional level.

ESF-18 Higher Education:

Higher Education has concluded monitoring of school districts and University Systems for closures due to Tropical Storm Edouard’s conclusion. Higher Education has returned to normal operations.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

TAMFS remains dedicated to providing for the safety of personnel, responders, and the public following impacts from Tropical Storm Edouard with any unmet needs.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):

AgriLife is available to support local officials and partner agencies for the aftermath of Tropical Storm Edouard as needed by request.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

HHSC is available to support local officials and partner agencies for the aftermath of Tropical Storm Edouard as needed by request.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):

The Texas Department of Public Safety has returned to primary duties; however, resources remain available by request from partner agencies.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):

TCEQ continues to have resources available to assist with any air/water/waste related issues.

As of September 16, all Boil Water Notices associated with this event have been rescinded. TCEQ will continue to monitor and track any additional BWNs related to this event as they are identified.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

The Texas Game Wardens have returned to normal operations and stand by ready to support as needed.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT):

The PUCT has shared public messaging related to downed power lines and outages.

As of September 9, PUCT has completed restoration for power issues and has returned to normal operations. All PUCT are back to regular home schedules.

Texas Cyber Command (TXCC):

Texas Cyber Command is monitoring the situation and stands ready to support the state's response efforts. Texas Cyber Command is monitoring the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. No cyber threats related to this event have been identified.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA):

The State of Texas Agriculture Relief (STAR) Fund has been activated to support farmers and ranchers affected by Tropical Storm Edouard. Ranchers needing hay or feed can use TDA's Hay Hotline at (877) 429-1998. Mental health support is available through the AgriStress Helpline by professionals familiar with rural challenges at (833) 897-2474.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

The American Red Cross (ARC):

The American Red Cross has returned to normal operations; however, assistance is available as needed by request by partner agencies.

The Salvation Army:

The Salvation Army is continuing to support communities affected by Tropical Storm Edouard.

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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