



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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### New Information in Blue Text

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>24-0011 08APR Severe Weather</b>
<b>Date</b>	April 26, 2024
<b>Time</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	8:00 AM April 25 to 8:00 AM April 26, 2024
<b>Report Number</b>	17

### Regions Affected

<b>TDEM Regions Affected</b>	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8
<b>DDs Active</b>	5

#### STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

On April 25, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to [prepare state emergency response resources](#) ahead of critical wildfire danger and severe weather across Texas through the weekend.

On April 25, The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announced today that the agency has requested officials from the [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) 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.

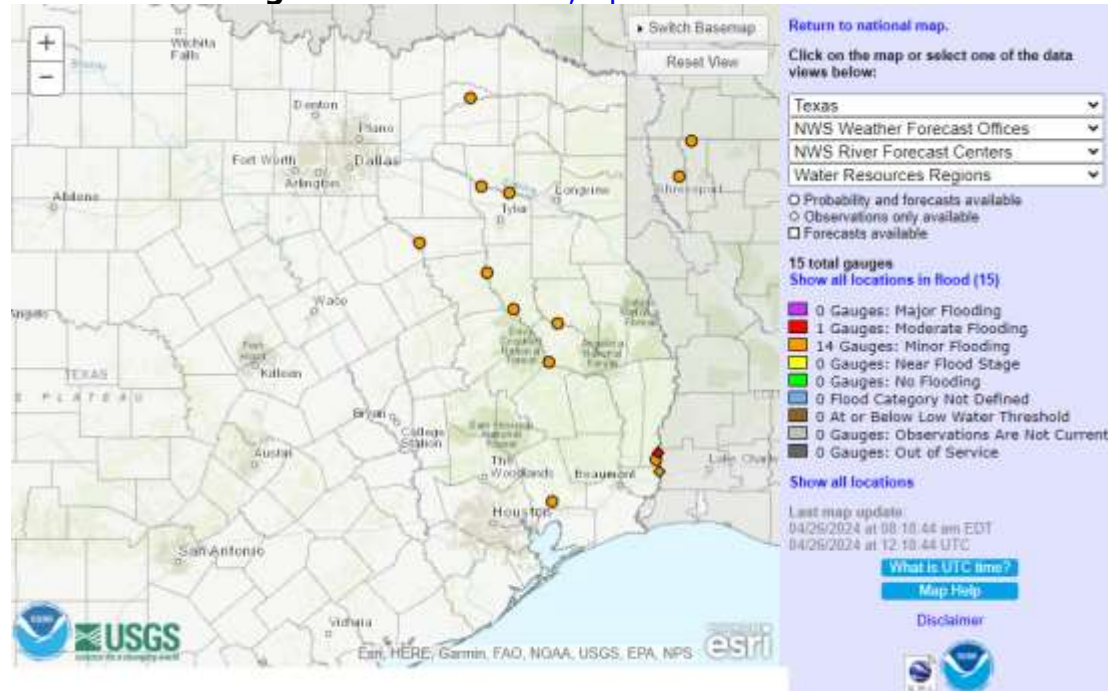
On April 9, Governor Abbott [directed](#) TDEM to deploy additional state emergency response resources ahead of severe storms and flash flooding, including large hail and possible tornadoes, expected to move across Texas.

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 07:18 AM, April 26.



Minor river flooding is being reported at the Sabine River near Deweyville, Hawkins, International Paper, and Mineola.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the Trinity River near Moss Bluff.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the Neches River near Alto, Diboll, and Neches.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the Angelina River near Lufkin.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the White Oak Creek near Talco.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the South Sulphur River near Cooper.

The San Jacinto River Authority is discharging 530.0 cubic feet per second from the Lake Conroe Dam.

### **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): Level IV (Normal Conditions)

**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): Level IV (Normal Conditions)

**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): Level IV (Normal Conditions)

**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): Level IV (Normal Conditions)

**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 three personnel to the SOC and are monitoring the current weather conditions.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) / Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT):** TX-PWRT has one Liaison Officer (LNO) assigned to the SOC to coordinate and support operations.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** Texans are urged to monitor local forecast information and make an emergency plan. Additionally, people across the state are encouraged to follow instructions of local officials and keep an emergency supply kit nearby.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** The ARC has one shelter opened in Kirbyville and has sheltered a total 16 people, and has provided 3,255 meals, distributed emergency supplies (DES) to 139 households, and 152 clean up kits as of April 26.

ARC is meeting with the remaining shelter guests to facilitate understanding of their ongoing unmet needs. Caseworkers have been able to identify that access to available housing is the major hurdle for these 7 families (22 people).

ARC is organizing a meeting to be held today, April 26, with local community partners, elected officials, NGOs, and faith-based organizations to discuss the lists of unmet needs of the Kirbyville shelter guests, and to collaborate with their partners to resolve the barriers and to find immediate solutions to assist the remaining shelter guests to transition out of the shelter into more permanent accommodations.

**Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC):** The SBTC has provided 340 showers, 805 meals, 70 messages were managed by the Communications Team, and provided 3,795 total volunteer hours as of April 22.

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TEEX TX-PWRT	SOC LNO	1	1	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	SOC LNO	1	0	Activated	SOC
DSHS	SCO	1	0	Activated	San Antonio
TxDOT	SOC LNO	1	0	Activated	Austin/SOC
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin/TxDOT HQ
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Activated	SOC
TPWD	Helicopter	3	1	Activated	Austin/Travis County
Mass Care	ESF6 LNO	1	0	Assigned	SOC
Mass Care	ISTF Staff	1	0	Assigned	SOC
Mass Care	VOAD	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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