



U.S. Department of Transportation

SITUATION REPORT, ESF #1 - TRANSPORTATION

OPERATIONAL STATUS

Agency: DOT
***Op Status** Yellow - Disruption or other than normal operations
***Report #:** DOT-HQ-05
***Related Event:** Tropical Storm Allison Flooding

Status as of: 06/12/2001 at 11:37
Region/Office: Headquarters
Distribution Level: Open - For Public Release

Situation Summary: This will be the final report issued on the flooding. OET and the RETREP, Region 6, will continue to monitor the situation and will provide any needed updates.

Conditions continue to improve. Federal response activities under the Federal Disaster Declaration in TX are well under way. The TX Disaster Field Office in Houston, TX is handling the State requests for assistance. In LA, the Governor has requested a disaster declaration. The President signed the declaration on June 11. A Disaster Field Office will be set up soon.

Mississippi: The remnants of Allison are impacting MS. MS Governor Musgrove has declared a State of Emergency which allows him to activate the National Guard response operations. The State has not requested a Federal Disaster Declaration.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT

Air: All airports are open.

Rail: FRA Region 5 reports that as of 4:00 p.m., CST, all major railroads in Region 5 are reporting normal operations. Repairs to washouts are completed and trains are getting back on schedule. UP is estimating 3 days to catch up on the backlog of delayed traffic. BNSF is estimating two days at most and KCS is current now. TE XMEX is at the mercy of the UP and is estimating no better than they at cleaning up the delays. At present, three northbound TM trains are ready to move from Corpus Christi and two eastbound TM trains are at Beaumont and Houston. Communication is still a problem, with long delays getting through to Houston.

Highways: All major roadways in both Texas and Louisiana are open. The FHWA Division and TX DOT will be conducting roadway damage assessments early next week. In the meantime, TX DOT has let several emergency repair contracts to restore portions of I-10 in downtown Houston.

Five TxDOT Districts have been affected: Houston, Beaumont, Tyler, Lufkin, and Bryan. All major roads are open. Most damage is expected in the Houston District. The FHWA Houston District has let several emergency contracts, one to restore the surface of I-10 downtown.

TxDOT sent a Notice of Intent to apply for Emergency Relief (ER) funds on 6/11. TxDOT's initial estimate is that there is eligible ER damage in about 6

of these Counties. It will likely be at least several weeks before TxDOT is able to evaluate bridge foundations at flooded stream crossings. TxDOT also anticipates eligible damage to City streets on the Federal-aid system, particularly in Houston.

Marine: Houston Ship Channel and the Port of Galveston are now open.

Transit: The Metropolitan Transit Authority is operating on schedule.

Pipelines: The Texas General Land Office contacted the RSPA's Office of Pipeline Safety at their Southwest Region Office informing them that an Incident Command Center has been set up at the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office located in Houston, Texas. A light sheen was reported on the river near Banana Bend, TX. This is the same area where the pipeline failed in 1994. At this time, the source of the sheen has not been attributed to a pipeline failure.

Motor Carrier Safety: No impact.

Highway Traffic Safety: No impact.

ACTIONS TAKEN

What actions have been taken? ESF-1 is activated in Region 6 at the FEMA Regional Operations Center in Denton, TX, and the Movement Coordination Center (MCC) in Washington, DC, as of 2:00 p.m. on June 9th.

The USCG search and rescue efforts as of 6/11: 85 people rescued by hoist (helicopter) and 133 rescued by boat for a total of 218 people rescued. No search and rescue was required on 6/11. All CG resources deployed into the TX area have been released.

ESF-2 (National Communications Systems) requested assistance in providing a temporary permit for transport of a telephone switching unit from CA to TX. DOT facilitated putting the transporter together with the TX DOT to make the final arrangements.

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INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS

International transportation incidents: None

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: None

NOTIFICATION

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Send to Groups:

Send to Other:

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