





Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Requirements and Filing

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Agenda



- The purpose of this informational webinar is to explain Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) requirements. Topics to be covered:
 - Statutory authority
 - Applicability to operators
 - Filing deadline
 - How to file
 - Contents of EOP
 - Q&A

Statutory Authority (1 of 4)



- Texas Utilities Code § 186.008, Railroad Commission Weather Emergency Preparedness Reports
- Section 186.008 requires the Commission to analyze EOPs developed by operators and prepare a Weather Emergency Preparedness Report on weatherization preparedness
- Commission must file the report with the Legislature, Lt. Gov., and Speaker of the House not later than September 30 of each even-numbered year

Statutory Authority (2 of 4)



- In preparing the report, the Commission shall:
 - Review EOPs;
 - Analyze and determine ability of electricity supply chain to withstand extreme weather events;
 - Consider anticipated weather patterns; and
 - Make recommendations on improving EOPs and procedures to ensure continuity of natural gas service for the electricity supply chain.

Statutory Authority (3 of 4)



- The Commission may adopt rules regarding the implementation of the Report
 - Commission Staff is exploring whether to initiate a rulemaking at a later date
- The Commission shall require operators to file an updated EOP if the EOP on file does not contain adequate information to determine whether the operator can provide "adequate natural gas services."

Statutory Authority (4 of 4)



 EOPs are public information except for portions of the plan considered confidential under Chapter 552, Texas Government Code (the Public Information Act) or other state/federal law.

 If portions of the plan are confidential, the plan shall be provided to the Commission in redacted form for public inspection.

Applicability to Operators



- Section 186.008(a) states that the Commission shall analyze EOPs of operators that:
 - (1) produce, treat, process, pressurize, store, or transport natural gas; <u>AND</u>
 - (2) are included in the electricity supply chain map adopted by the Texas Energy and Electricity Supply Chain Mapping Committee (see Tex. Util. Code sec. 38.203).

Filing Deadline



EOPs are due on August 1, 2022

 Operators on the supply chain map should have received a letter from the Critical Infrastructure Division on May 25 and 26, 2022

Filing Details (1 of 5)



- EOPs shall be filed through the Critical Infrastructure Division Portal on RRC Online System
- This is the same portal through which CID filings are submitted
 - https://webapps.rrc.texas.gov/security/login.do
 - To request an RRC Online login, call (512) 463-7229
 or email rrconline-security@rrc.texas.gov.
- Each operator is required to submit 1 unredacted
 EOP. Each operator may submit 1 redacted
 EOP in addition to the unredacted version

Filing Details (2 of 5)

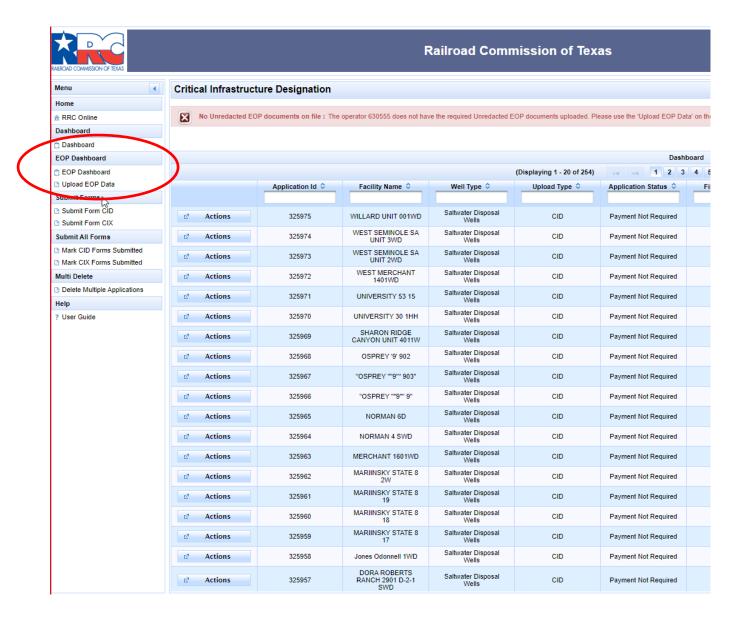


 The EOP function in RRC Online System will be available on <u>July 1, 2022</u>

The portal will close at midnight on <u>August</u>
 1, 2022

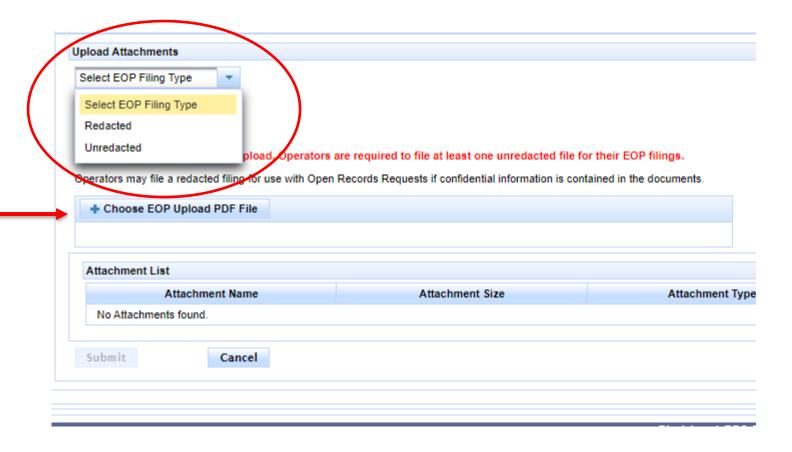
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Filing Details (5 of 5)



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EOP Contents



EOP should address and include the following at a minimum:

- Introduction Section
- Communication
- Preparedness
- Testing
- Staffing
- Weather Related Hazards
- Exercises/Drills
- EOP Activation
- Restoration of Service
- Emergency Contacts

EOP Required Information



- Each company should submit one EOP for facilities operated by the company that meet the statutory criteria.
- If your company has more than one EOP, combine them into one submission.

Introduction Section (1 of 2)



- Table of Contents
- Legal name of company and Commission issued Form P-5 number
- System(s) Overview including general location and types of facilities
- Summary describing how relevant personnel receive training on the applicable contents and execution of the EOP
 - Affirmation required that relevant personnel have received such training

Introduction Section (2 of 2)



- Individual(s) responsible or maintaining and implementing the EOP
- Individual(s) authorized to activate the EOP or sections of the EOP
- Individual(s) authorized to revise the EOP
- Effective date of EOP
- Record of Distribution
- Change Record recommended.

Communication - Internal



EOP Internal Communication section should include methods and procedures for communicating within the company during an emergency

- Include primary and secondary means of communications
- Contact information for key employees

Communication - External



EOP External Communication section should include the methods and procedures during an emergency for communicating with:

- Critical customers
- State and local emergency operations centers (EOCs)
- Applicable local and state governmental entities and officials
- Commission
- Media (be prepared)

Preparedness



- EOP Preparedness Section should address the following intended for emergency response:
 - —Pre-identified supplies
 - -Parts
 - -Equipment

Staffing



EOP should have a detailed plan that addresses staffing during emergency response.

Testing



EOP should include methods and documentation to function-test existing equipment ahead of emergencies to verify functionality.

- Back-up generation
- Critical failure components

Hazard Responses



EOP should include plans that addresses how your company and facilities identify weather-related hazards as they apply to your specific geographical area, including:

- Tornadoes
- Hurricanes
- Extreme cold weather
- Extreme hot weather
- Rolling blackouts
- Drought
- Flooding

Exercises/Drills



EOP should include the following for Exercises and Drills:

- Frequency and results of tabletop and/or simulated event exercises and/or tests performed; and
- Issues identified and corrective actions taken as a result of exercises, tests, and actual emergencies.

EOP Activation



- EOP Response section should include the process the company follows to activate the EOP; and
- The response actions during an emergency once the EOP is activated such as personnel, transportation, communications procedures and the location, use, and maintenance of emergency supplies and equipment.

Emergency Contacts



Should include an Emergency Contact
Annex that lists primary and backup
emergency contacts for critical facilities
(including identification of specific
individuals wherever possible) who can
address urgent requests for supplies,
services, and other support to each facility.

Restoration



EOP should have a detailed plan on Restoration of Service Section that discusses procedures for return to service following disrupted operations.

Q&A



Please put your questions in the chat.