

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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NOTICE TO OPERATORS

Texas Faces Dual Tropical Storm Threat

The National Hurricane Center is tracking Tropical Storm Marco, which is currently southeast of Louisiana, and Tropical Storm Laura, which is currently just south of Cuba. Both systems pose a potential threat to Texas.

On Sunday, Gov. Greg Abbott declared a state disaster declaration for 23 counties:

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-holds-briefing-press-conference-on-hurricane-marco-and-tropical-storm-laura-requests-federal-emergency-declaration>.

Counties included in the state disaster declaration are Aransas, Bexar, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Liberty, Matagorda, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, and Willacy.

The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) advises all operators under the RRC's jurisdiction in areas of potential impact to take the following actions:

- Monitor local, state and national weather reports for updates on potential severe weather impacts, including the National Weather Service, National Hurricane Center and Texas Division of Emergency Management;
- Heed all watches, warnings, and orders issued by local emergency officials;
- Secure all personnel, equipment, and facilities to prevent injury or damage; and,
- Monitor operations for potential impacts, as safety permits.

In the event of a leak or spill, operators are reminded RRC rules require:

- Immediate notification of a leak or spill into water;
- Containment of a leak or spill; and,
- Clean up and remediation of any area impacted by a leak or spill.

The RRC maintains a 24-hour, toll free emergency line; 844-773-0305 to report leaks or spills.

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