

February 8, 2023

Declaration Request

Texas

- Gov. Abbott sent a letter to President Joe Biden to request a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Southeast Texas counties that were impacted by severe storms and tornadoes from January 23, 2023, to January 25, 2023, according to a release from the governor's office.
- Counties included in the request were Harris, Jefferson, Liberty and Orange counties.
- During the morning of January 24, thunderstorms began to develop as a cold front moved across the state. Throughout the day, there were numerous reports of wind damage and tornadoes across the Houston metropolitan area.
- A total of eight tornadoes were confirmed in Texas by the NWS.
- In Harris County, an EF-3 tornado with peak winds of 140 mph traveled 18.7 miles, impacting the Cities of Houston, Pasadena, Deer Park, and Baytown. This tornado damaged or destroyed numerous homes, including some multi-family residences. Many homes had walls and roofs removed.
- An EF-1 tornado with winds up to 90 mph impacted Jefferson County. The tornado was on the ground for 5.5 miles. It caused damage to roofs and fences near Taylor Landing. Eastern Liberty County, near Nome, was impacted by an EF-2 tornado. The tornado was on the ground for 0.33 miles, producing winds up to 125 mph. The storm removed a roof from a home and destroyed windows.
- Orange County was affected by two tornadoes. The first was an EF-1 with maximum winds of 100 mph. This tornado traveled 2.28 miles across southern Orange County. The second was an EF-2 tornado with winds peaking around 120 mph. The tornado touched down around Orangefield before traveling 25.69 miles across Orange County. This tornado damaged or destroyed many homes before crossing the Sabine River into Louisiana. Two injuries related to this tornado were reported.
- Of the damage reports submitted by the affected individuals, TDEM believes 673 residences were affected; 368 had minor damage; 144 sustained major damage; and 71 homes were destroyed.
- On January 26, Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration for impacted communities in Southeast Texas that suffered damage to homes and businesses. The Governor updated the declaration on January 30 to include additional affected counties.





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| Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments | | | | | | | |
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| State | Event | Number of Counties for IA | | Start-End | | | |
| | | Requested | Completed | Start-End | | | |
| | N/A | | | | | | |

| Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request | | | | | | | |
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| State | Event | Date Submitted | Approved/Denied /Pending | Number of Counties/Tribes | | | |
| WV | Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides (Appeal) | 1/27/2023 | Pending | 2 Counties | | | |
| TX | Severe Storms & Tornadoes Jan 24, 2023 | 2/7/2023 | Pending | 4 Counties | | | |

| WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters | | | | | | | | |
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| Disaster Number and State | Disaster Type | Number of Counties Declared | Days Since Launch | Registration Deadline | | | | |
| 4671 PR | Hurricane Fiona | 78 Municipalities | 138 | 11/21/2022 | | | | |
| 4673 FL | Hurricane lan | 26 Counties | 129 | 1/12/2023 | | | | |
| 4677 SC | Hurricane lan | 3 Counties | 75 | 1/23/2023 | | | | |

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