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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

February 19, 2021

## Declaration Request

### Texas

- As Texas begins restoring power after a devastating week of freezing temperatures and winter storms, the state is confronting a new crisis: overwhelmed water systems that could extend misery for much of the population.
- Leaks caused by frozen pipes have pushed the water supply to the brink. About 13 million Texans, nearly half the state's population, remained under a boil-water advisory Thursday, according to Executive Director for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Toby Baker.
- While temperatures in the 60s and 70s are expected to provide relief next week, some Texans face another round of record lows Friday night into Saturday morning.
- More than 25 million people were under a hard freeze warning through Friday morning for parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.
- Approximately 200,000 customers are still without power as of early Friday, according to Poweroutage.us, in areas stretching from Central to East Texas. Some Texans have been without power since Sunday February 14.
- Late Thursday, the Governor announced he is requesting a Major Disaster Declaration — which includes Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program — from the White House. This declaration will allow eligible Texans to apply for assistance to help address broken pipes and related property damage.
- He has requested Individual assistance for 254 counties (entire state of Texas).



## Tornado Activity

### North Carolina

- North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper visited part of Ocean Ridge Plantation Wednesday, the golf community hit hardest by the fatal tornado that touched down near Ocean Isle Beach late Monday night.
- It is the scene of the deadliest tornado to strike southeastern North Carolina since 2006.
- Despite the subdivision consisting of solidly built brick houses, at least 60 were damaged in the EF3 tornado's path. Two properties were taken out completely by the violent winds, which the National Weather Service reported reached at least 165 mph.

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- Cooper told people on scene he would work to provide additional resources to the area. Already the state has deployed some assets, such as the State Highway Patrol, which Brunswick County Sheriff John Ingram told the governor has been valuable.
- Damage assessments need to be completed to see what governmental financial assistance the area qualifies for, Cooper said. Chief of Staff for the Division of Emergency Management William Ray accompanied the governor on his visit to survey the area.
- On Wednesday Brunswick County Board of Commissioners Chair Randy Thompson declared a state of emergency in response to the tornado, a move that could help the area seek state and federal funds.

### Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request 2/19/2021

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
AL	Tornado Jan 25, 2021	2/11/2021	Pending	1 County
TX	Severe Winter Storms Feb 11, 2021 & continuing	2/18/2021	Pending	254 Counties

### WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4559 LA	Hurricane	21 Parishes	171	11/27/2020

### WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

