

Hurricane Beryl | Update #1

REPORT TIME & DATE: 4:00 PM EDT | Monday, July 08, 2024

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The center of Hurricane Beryl made landfall over Matagorda, TX on July 8 at 4:50 AM EDT as a Category 1 hurricane, impacting southeast Texas with winds, significant rainfall, storm surge, and flooding. As of 2:00 PM EDT, Beryl was located 55 miles north of Houston, TX moving north-northeast at 14 MPH with maximum sustained winds of 60 MPH. A turn toward the northeast with an increase in forward speed is expected tonight and Tuesday, and steady weakening is expected as Beryl moves inland. On the forecast track, the center of Beryl will move over eastern Texas today, then move through the Lower Mississippi Valley into the Ohio Valley on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Electricity Sector Summary

- There are approximately 2.74 million customer outages in Texas as of 2:30 PM EDT on July 8.
- As Beryl passes, utilities will begin damage assessments and restoration efforts as conditions permit. Utilities in the impacted area pre-staged crews, equipment, and materials in prior days to prepare for the storm.

Oil & Natural Gas Sector Summary

- As of July 8, the ports of Corpus Christi and Brownsville have reopened, while Houston, Galveston, Texas City, and Freeport ports are closed.

EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS & WAIVERS

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To provide vital supplies and transportation services to a disaster area in the United States, emergency declarations may be issued by the President, Governors of States, or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). These declarations trigger the temporary suspension of certain Federal safety regulations, including Hours of Service, for motor carriers and drivers engaged in specific aspects of the emergency relief effort. See [49 CFR 390.23](#) for the actual emergency regulation.

Emergency Declarations and HOS Waivers as of 8:00 AM EDT 07/08/2024

| State/Territory | Details | Effective Dates | | Status |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| | | Start | End | |
| Texas (121 counties) | Disaster Declaration | 7/5 | Until Rescinded | Active |

Sources: State government websites

