

Hurricane Beryl | Update #2

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As of 11:00 AM EDT on July 9, Beryl was a post-tropical cyclone located 160 miles west-southwest of Paducah, Kentucky, moving northeast at 25 MPH, with maximum sustained winds of 30 MPH. At 4:50 AM EDT on July 8, Beryl made landfall near Matagorda, TX as a Category 1 hurricane, impacting southeast Texas with winds, significant rainfall, storm surge, and flooding. As a post-tropical cyclone, Beryl is expected to continue northeast and ultimately into Canada. On the forecast track, Beryl will bring heavy rainfall and possible flash flooding from the lower and mid-Mississippi Valley to the Great Lakes into July 10.

Electricity Sector Summary

- As of 2:30 PM EDT, Texas had approximately 2,108,000 outages (16% of customers), and Louisiana had 13,200 customer outages (<1% of customers). At the storm peak, there were approximately 2.8 million customer outages in Texas.
- As Beryl passes, utilities have begun 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. However, given the extent of damage in some location, utilities in Texas and Louisiana have warned some customers to prepare for multi-day outages.
- Estimated times of restoration will be published as utilities assess damage.

Oil & Natural Gas Sector Summary

- As of July 9, the ports of Corpus Christi and Brownsville have reopened, while Houston, Galveston, Texas City, and Freeport ports remain 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 the 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 3:00 PM EDT 07/09/2024

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Texas (121 counties)	Disaster Declaration	7/5	Until Rescinded	Active

Sources: State government websites

