

Hurricane Beryl | Update #4

REPORT TIME & DATE:	4:00 PM EDT Thursday, July 11, 2024
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Beryl made landfall near Matagorda, TX as a Category 1 hurricane at 4:50 AM EDT on July 8 with sustained winds of 80 mph. Eight hours after making landfall, Beryl was downgraded to a tropical storm while centered 45 miles north-northwest of Houston. The storm continued losing strength throughout the day, weakening to a tropical depression in the vicinity of Tyler, TX late on July 8. Beryl transitioned to a post-tropical cyclone on the morning of July 9 about 160 miles west-southwest of Paducah, KY and the storm’s remnants moved through Lower Peninsula of Michigan on July 10.

Electricity Sector Summary

- As of 2:30 PM EDT, July 11, Texas utilities reported approximately 1,259,000 outages (9.6% of customers), down 54% from a peak of nearly 2.8 million customers on the afternoon of July 8.
- Damage assessments are being completed, and restoration efforts are underway across the affected area. Utilities in the area pre-staged crews, equipment, and materials prior to the storm. Utilities have warned customers in the hardest hit areas to be prepared for a multi-day outage, due to the extent of damage.
- Most utilities have begun to publish estimated times of restoration; however, restoration times for the hardest-hit areas will not be published until the utilities are able to fully assess damage.

Oil & Natural Gas Sector Summary

- The ports of Houston, Galveston, Texas City, and Freeport reopened with draft restrictions on July 9. Restrictions will be removed once port surveys are completed.

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 07/11/2024

State/Territory	Details	Effective Dates		Status
		Start	End	
Texas (121 counties)	Disaster Declaration	7/5/24	Until Rescinded	Active
Louisiana	State of Emergency	7/8/24	8/7/24	Active
Texas	Presidential Major Disaster Declaration	7/9/24	Until Rescinded	Active

Sources: State government & Federal government websites

