

Hurricane Beryl | Update #5 – FINAL

REPORT TIME & DATE:	11 AM EDT Friday, July 12, 2024
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This will be the final public situation report released for Hurricane Beryl.

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 the Lower Peninsula of Michigan on July 10.

Electricity Sector Summary

- As of 9:30 AM EDT, July 12, Texas utilities reported approximately 1,016,000 outages (7.75% of customers), down 63% from a peak of nearly 2.8 million customers on the afternoon of July 8.
- Beryl caused largely distribution-level damage, which is requiring extensive work to clear vegetation, remove fallen trees, and repair downed wires and poles in many neighborhoods.
- Across the affected utilities, significant restoration is expected to be completed by the end of the weekend. However, restoration times for the remaining, hardest hit areas could extend into early next week.

Oil & Natural Gas Sector Summary

- The Port of Houston is fully open and the ports of Galveston, Texas City, and Freeport are open with draft restrictions.

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 10:00 AM EDT 07/12/2024

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Texas (121 counties)	Disaster Declaration	7/5/24	Until Rescinded	Active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

