

# HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

## Hurricane Alex – Situation Report 7

DATE AND TIME COVERED: 02/JUL/2010 19:00

03/JUL/2010 07:00 hours

SUBJECT: HURRICANE "ALEX"

### 1. CURRENT SITUATION: Post-Landfall Recovery

EOC is demobilized as of 17:00 hours. All city EOC, MACC & DDC have also demobilized.

Dewatering Operations are underway in Pct, 1, 2, & 4 at various different locations where localized flooding occurred, utilizing mechanical pumps. Water is being directed into the IBWC floodway. Vacuum trucks are also being used to dewater some of the neighborhoods where there is no-where to pump the water to. Dewatering operations are being supported by the RGV Regional Public Works Response Team. Pct 3 has resolved their flooding issues. One (1) Shelter is currently open in La Villa that is being managed by the American Red Cross (SoTx Chapter). It is anticipated that this shelter will be demobilized because only two families are currently housed there. All County personnel assigned to assist and support EOC operations have been demobilized and have reported to their regular jobs.

The Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) is being prepared and the cities DSO's will be rolled into the County's DSO as per State procedures.

Remnants of Hurricane Alex and associated weather patterns continue to deliver rains in and around the mountainous areas near Monterey and Northern Nuevo Leon and into the Laredo area. A river flood watch has been issued by NWS for the Laredo area. (see below). Minor flooding may occur in low lying areas adjacent to the Rio Grande River in the next two (2) days. IBWC is monitoring the situation and coordinating the rainfall run-off with Mexican counterparts and are reporting their findings to the SOC. **This situation will be monitored for the next few days**, for potential impact to Hidalgo County.

Conference calls with the State of Texas have been discontinued. All State assets have been demobilized and have either returned to their home base and will be leaving on Saturday.

Region 3a DDC/RLO continue to monitor situation and will provide support as needed. They are being provided updates.

### **PROJECTED ACTIONS FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD**

Dewatering operations are underway and will continue overnight and through the weekend. Unified Command is in place for the operation consisting of Raul Sesin, PE – County Planning, Pilar Rodriguez, PE – City of McAllen, and CJ Moreno – County ROW. Reports from the field indicate that flood conditions are improving and water is receding accordingly.

Vacuum Trucks under the supervision of Ash-Britt and BDR are also being used in the dewatering operations.

Media personnel are asked to contact County PIO Cari Lambrecht to coordinate interviews and obtain information as of Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Rainfall and water runoff from remnants of Hurricane Alex situation will be monitored.

**County Agencies Current Activity:**

**All county agencies, departments, and offices are asked to report any situations that they feel could have adverse affects to Hidalgo County to Emergency Management at the following email address: [HCOEM@hidalgocountyjudge.com](mailto:HCOEM@hidalgocountyjudge.com)**

**2. AREAS AFFECTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD:**

*Precincts 1,2, and 4. Pct 3 has successfully resolved their flooded areas.*

**3. RESPONDING AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS:**

- a) **Office of Emergency Management** – Continuing to monitor current flood-fight activities and resource tracking. Preparing daily IAPs.
- b) **Planning Department** – Overseeing dewatering operations.
- c) **Right of Way** – Staff Member supervising dewatering operations.
- d) **Pct 1 Commissioners** – Staffing dewatering and pumping operations
- e) **Pct 2 Commissioners** – Staffing dewatering and pumping operations.
- f) **Pct 4 Commissioners** – Staffing dewatering and pumping operations.
- g) **RGV Regional Public Works Response Team** – Overseeing dewatering operations, providing assets in the form of pumps, and personnel. *NOTE: The RGV Regional PWRT is composed of public works assets from Mission, McAllen, Edinburg, Pharr, San Juan, Alamo, Weslaco, Mercedes, and Hidalgo County and some cities from Cameron County. Only Hidalgo County based entities are participating in this response. Lead agency is McAllen Public Works & Hidalgo Co. Planning and has the support of the State of Texas and is a deployable asset for the State.*
- h) **County Judge’s Office** – Preparing Disaster Summary Outline.
- i) **Budget & Management** – Monitoring response costs, assisting with DSO preparations.
- j) **Purchasing** – Continuing to support operations.
- k) **Health and Human Services** – Preparing for mosquito vector control operations.
- l) **American Red Cross RGV** – Shelter Management team at La Villa Shelter.

**4. CASUALTIES:** *Normal conditions - no casualties / injuries to report.*

County	City/Area	Injured	Dead	Missing
Hidalgo		0	0	0

**5. DAMAGES (Cumulative)** *DSO is currently being prepared and will be attached as soon as available.*

	<u>date</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Homes	0	0
Other Structures	0	0

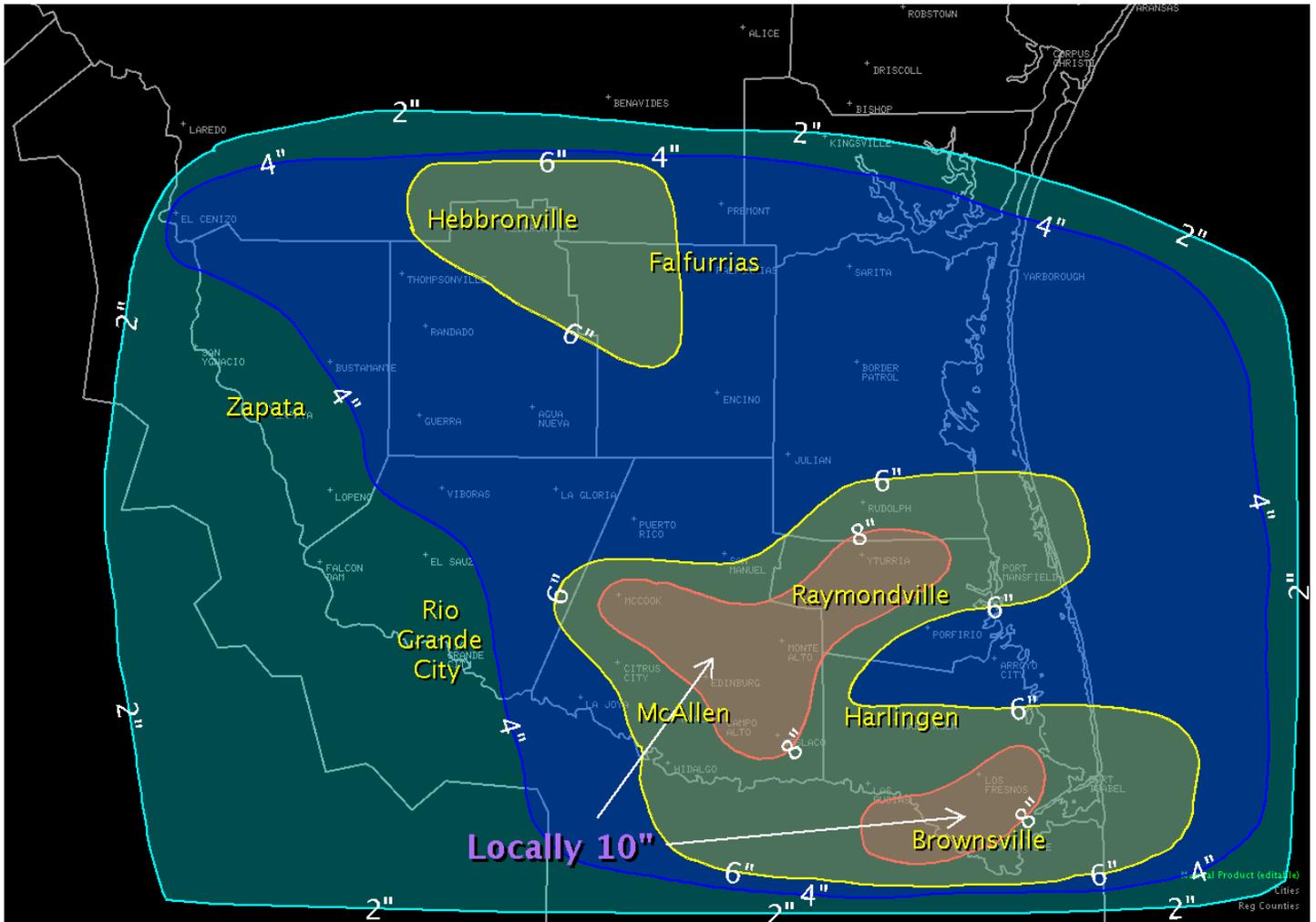
**6. EVACUATIONS:** none

**7. HIGHWAY CONDITIONS:** *Flooded roadways are open for normal traffic, there are still paved roadways in flood prone areas that have water over them but are passable .*

HIGHWAY	CURRENT CONDITIONS	TIME	REPORTED BY

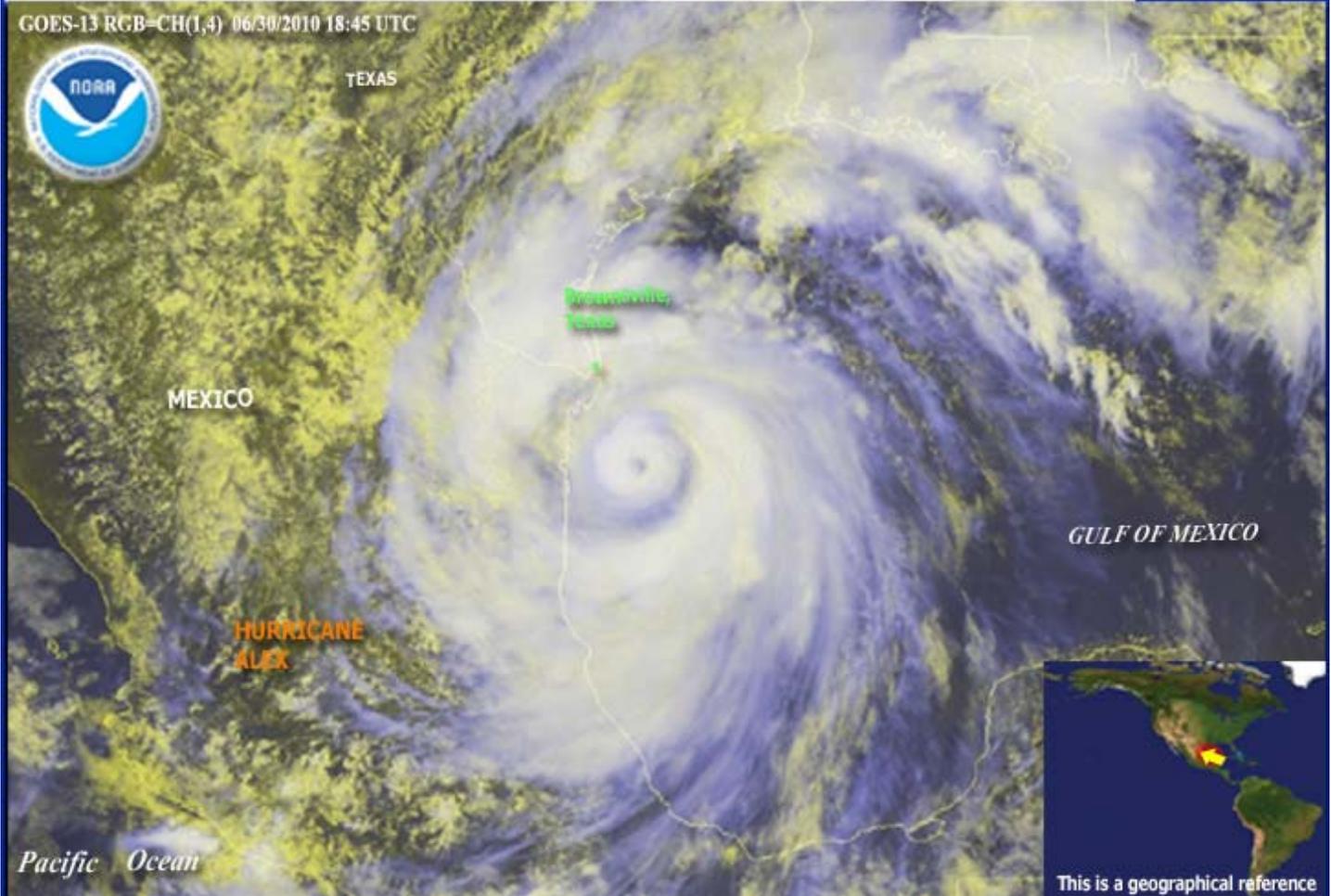
8. Forecasts

COMMENTS: NWS & NOAA Graphics



This GOES-13 satellite image taken on June 30, 2010 at 18:45 UTC shows Hurricane Alex located near 24.4N 96.2W, about 130 miles south-southeast of Brownsville, Texas, moving northwest at 12 mph, with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph. Hurricane Alex is a category 1 hurricane and is the first Atlantic tropical storm of the season. The National Hurricane Center has issued warnings and advisories regarding the hurricane. It is forecast to make landfall within the next 12-24 hours with rainfall accumulations around 6-12 inches.

Credit: NOAA



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