

September 17, 2007

Re: Damage to Outdoor Advertising Signs (OAS) as a Result of Hurricane Ike

To all TxDOT OAS License Holders:

Numerous counties along the North Texas Gulf coast have been designated as natural disaster areas as a result of natural forces and wind caused by Hurricane Ike. TxDOT has determined that OAS signs in these counties cannot be repaired without a new OAS permit. All outdoor advertising sign (OAS) along Interstate Highways or primary highways in the State of Texas that are damaged and destroyed as a result of Hurricane Ike are regulated and enforced by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) under regulations in 43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Section 21.156 Discontinuance (a) Damage (A)(B).

Under the statute rules of TAC 21.156 Discontinuance (a) Damage (A)(B), TxDOT requires all OAS permit holders holding permits for signs in those designated disaster counties to notify TxDOT of the damage incurred by permitted OAS signs, and, submit a written estimate for each OAS sign, and, the proposed damage repairs for the OAS prior to repair commencement.

Depending upon the location of your OAS, repair estimates must be submitted to the appropriate TxDOT District HBA Coordinator. District contacts for the affected districts:

Atlanta District	Kristy Fincher	903-799-1321
Beaumont District	Vivian Bagwell	409-898-5727
Houston District	Roxie Foster-McKinney	713-802-5716
Bryan District	Jeneane Dyer	979-778-9725
Lufkin District	Jerry McCloud	936-633-4305
Yoakum District	Kitty Vincik	361-293-4339

Failure to comply with the provisions of the applicable TxDOT rules and Chapter 391 of the Texas Transportation Code is grounds for revocation or suspension of your OAS license.

If you have any questions or need any more information, please contact Wendy Knox, Right of Way Division, (512) 416-2915.

Sincerely,

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