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LAUNCH TROPICAL STORM ALLISON RECOVERY STUDY

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As part of the ongoing effort to recover from Tropical Storm Allison, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCF) have initiated an in-depth project to study the rainfall and flooding that occurred in Harris County in early June.

"This project will ultimately result in a delineation of new flood plains for Harris County and the general public stands to benefit greatly from this new information," said Art Storey, Executive Director of the Harris County Flood Control District. "There will undoubtedly be controversy when these new flood plains are mapped, but we are committed to bringing the public and interested stakeholders along over the course of the effort," Storey said.

The project's name is the "Tropical Storm Allison Recovery Project" or "TSARP." FEMA and HCFCF are sharing in the cost of TSARP, which is expected to be a total of \$16.5 million. FEMA and HCFCF will use advanced technology to produce new flood hazard information for the primary flooding sources within Harris County's 22 watersheds. Major benefits over the course of the study include development of flood recovery data allowing State and community officials and property owners to make informed decisions about repairing, rebuilding, and/or relocating damaged structures, infrastructure, and public facilities. Products from this flood recovery data include a digital elevation model and new topographic mapping for all of Harris County, new Flood Insurance Study information and new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps for all of the major flooding sources in Harris County. The project is scheduled to be complete in three years.

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Note: FEMA's new interactive website, with information about the Southeast Texas disaster, is available at [www.fema.gov/reg-viii/texas.htm](http://www.fema.gov/reg-viii/texas.htm) <http://www.fema.gov/reg-viii/texas.htm>. This includes copies of news releases and links to other sources of disaster-related information including the Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Texas Department of Public Safety, at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem) <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem>.

High-quality, digital photos of the Texas disaster operation by FEMA's photographers are available to the news media; call 832-513-4409. Radio actualities are available on the FEMA Radio Network (1-800-323-5248). Additional FEMA information is available on FEMA's World Wide Website at [www.fema.gov/](http://www.fema.gov/) <http://www.fema.gov/>.

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