

Texas Department of Insurance

Windstorm Inspections Program/Engineering Services Program

Newsletter

February/March 2017

Inspector Orientations

Don't forget to attend the appointed inspector orientation webinar. The webinar covers common windstorm processes and expectations. This webinar is required to maintain your appointment after March 31, 2017. To view orientation dates and times, and to register, see "Inspector Orientation" on the Windstorm System appscenter.tdi.texas.gov/windstorm/p/home.

Commencement of Construction Date

TDI considers the commencement of construction the date that you actually broke ground or began working on the project site. We do not consider commencement of construction the day you pulled permits or began to design a project.

Complying with House Bill 2439 and the Updates to the Texas Administrative Code

House Bill 2439 created a two-path system for obtaining Certificates of Compliance (WPI-8). If an improvement is ongoing construction per the flowchart published on the TDI website (tdi.texas.gov/wind/documents/TWIAFlowchart), then you will obtain the WPI-8 through TDI. If the improvement is completed construction per the flowchart, then you will obtain the WPI-8 through the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association.

The windstorm intake unit is responsible for verifying compliance with HB2439 utilizing the flowchart cited above. On applications with a substantial gap between the commencement of construction and the first inspection, TDI may contact you for verification. If TDI sends you an email or flag through the windstorm system about this matter, we cannot issue the WPI-8 until the information is verified. TDI may ask you to verify information to confirm the work meets the guidelines from TDI in the flowchart or to correct the commencement of construction date or first inspection date. Please call or email TDI with any questions about the proper path for obtaining a WPI-8 for a specific project.

System Reminders

You can use the Windstorm System to simplify many of your daily processes. Find tips in our previous newsletters, published on our website: tdi.texas.gov/wind/Engineering_Windstor.

- Viewing and printing WPI-1s, WPI-2s, and WPI-8s. For more information, see the August/September 2015 Newsletter.
- Verifying all of the applications submitted that list you as the appointed inspector on the job. For more information, see the February/March 2016 newsletter.
- Communicating with the windstorm intake staff. For more information, see the October/November 2016 Newsletter.

If you or your staff would like to learn more about the windstorm system, please contact us at engineering@tdi.texas.gov to schedule a personalized webinar and demonstration.

Contact TDI

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TDI Holidays

Monday, February 20, President's Day – TDI is closed
Thursday, March 2, Texas Independence Day – TDI is open, with light staff