

Texas Department of Insurance

Windstorm Inspections Program/Engineering Services Program

Newsletter

April/May 2016

Open Records Process Change

Starting May 1, public information requests sent by email or fax must be sent to David Wheelus, Public Information Coordinator, at openrecords@tdi.texas.gov or (512) 490-1021. You may also submit a request by mail to David Wheelus, Public Information Coordinator, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 149104, Mail Code 110-1C, Austin, Texas 78714-9104; or in person at 333 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas 78701.

Windstorm System

Needs Current Inspection Date

The "Needs Current Inspection Date" section at the bottom of your dashboard will notify you of applications that are approaching the six-month deadline after your last inspection. Please check this queue regularly and contact TDI if you see an application that you believe should have a WPI-8, to avoid missing the deadline and needing another inspection.

Interested in Windstorm System Training?

On Tuesday, May 17, at 9am, attend a webinar that covers common process. To register, email us at engineering@tdi.texas.gov.

TDI Holidays

On Monday, May 30, TDI will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

TDI Rule Update

TDI posted an informal rule relating to the implementation of House Bill 2439 on its website for review and comment by all interested parties. TDI received comments from appointed engineers, inspectors, and other construction industry related entities. TDI will carefully review the comments and make changes to the proposed rule based on this input.

Another part of the informal rule proposes the adoption of an updated building code. TDI is contemplating adoption of the 2015 editions of the International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC). The proposal also considers Texas Revisions to the proposed codes. If this change is adopted, the referenced ASCE standard will change from ASCE 7-05 to ASCE 7-10. The code change would align TDI with the municipalities along the Gulf Coast.

To monitor progress on the informal rules, check our website: tdi.texas.gov/wind.

Paperwork Process Change

One Building per Application

To align with the windstorm system, TDI will no longer accept more than one structure on any documentation. TDI now requires a separate WPI-1 and WPI-2 for each detached structure at an address. Please set up a unique application for each house, shed, detached garage, or any other structure.

Contact TDI

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