

Texas Department of Insurance

Windstorm Inspections Program/Engineering Services Program

Newsletter

October/November 2016

Coming Soon!

Attend the appointed engineer orientation webinar that covers common windstorm processes and expectations. This webinar is required to maintain your appointment after December 31, 2016. We will publish dates and times on the TDI webpage at tdi.texas.gov/wind.

Recent Staff Changes

- Donny Cox is now the director of the Inspections Office. You can reach him at (512) 676-6750.

Contact TDI

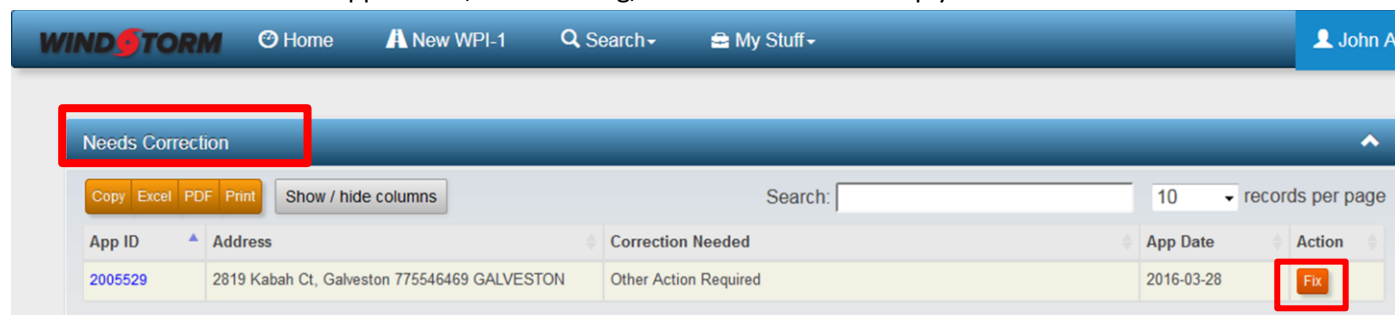
Phone: (800) 248-6032, or Email:

Windstorm@tdi.texas.gov or Engineering@tdi.texas.gov

Windstorm System and Flags

TDI uses the flags in the windstorm system (NWS) to communicate with our appointed engineers and their staff. Complete the following steps to check and respond to flags from TDI.

1. Log in to NWS with your personalized user ID and password.
2. On your dashboard, check the "Needs Correction" queue at the top of the page.
3. Click "Fix" to enter the application, read the flag, make corrections or reply to TDI.



The screenshot shows the Windstorm system interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'WINDSTORM' logo, 'Home', 'New WPI-1', 'Search', and 'My Stuff' options. A user profile for 'John A...' is visible in the top right. Below the navigation bar, a 'Needs Correction' queue is displayed, highlighted with a red box. The queue contains one entry with the following details:

App ID	Address	Correction Needed	App Date	Action
2005529	2819 Kabah Ct, Galveston 775546469 GALVESTON	Other Action Required	2016-03-28	Fix

The 'Fix' button in the 'Action' column is highlighted with a red box.

Updated Texas Administrative Code

TDI is in the process of adopting rules to implement House Bill 2439, which was passed during the 84th Legislature, 2015 Regular Session. HB 2439 created two paths for certifying construction to the adopted windstorm standards in the designated catastrophe area for insurability through the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA). The two path system allows individuals that meet the TDI requirements to gain appointment as an appointed qualified inspector. An appointed qualified inspector may inspect ongoing construction and submit his or her findings to TDI for issuance of a certificate of compliance. Texas licensed engineers may certify completed construction projects via a sealed design or a sealed completed construction evaluation report delivered directly to TWIA for issuance of a certificate of compliance.

HB 2439 also repealed the requirement that Texas licensed engineers that are qualified inspectors under Insurance Code §2210.254(a)(2) be listed on a roster maintained by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. The TDI rule proposes repealing §5.4608 relating to this requirement because it is now obsolete.

The proposed rule does not include any change to the building code or the Texas Revisions.

To review the proposed rule in full and obtain instructions for submitting comments, please visit the Texas Registrar's website: www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/pdf/backview/0930/0930prop.pdf.

TDI Holidays

Friday, November 11, Veteran's Day – TDI will be closed

Thursday and Friday November 24 and 25, Thanksgiving – TDI will be closed