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<b>TEXAS, Central Southeast</b>									
<b>HARRIS County</b>									
SOUTH PORTION	04	1752CST 1930CST			0	0	5K		FLASH FLOOD
Feeder roads flooded along I-45 in southern parts of the county.									
<b>GALVESTON County</b>									
SOUTH PORTION	04	1843CST 1950CST			0	0	35K		FLASH FLOOD
Highway 87 flooded from Crystal Beach to High Island. Street flooding in Dickinson. Water in homes in Baycliff and flooding in San Leon.									
<b>GALVESTON County</b>									
SOUTH PORTION	04	1957CST 2330CST			0	0	10K		FLASH FLOOD
Continued widespread flooding.									
<b>BRAZORIA County</b>									
4 E ANGLETON	05	0035CST 0040CST	0.1	50	0	0	15K		Tornado (F0)
Brief tornado touchdown just east of Angleton. Cattle ranch sustained structural damage and loss of livestock.									
<b>HOUSTON County</b>									
GRAPELAND	06	0345CST 0500CST			0	0	3K		FLASH FLOOD
Street flooding in Grapeland.									
<b>TRINITY County</b>									
TRINITY	06	0524CST 0700CST			0	0	3K		FLASH FLOOD
High water on HWY 19.									
<b>MONTGOMERY County</b>									
CONROE	06	0600CST 0715CST			0	0	2K		FLASH FLOOD
Minor street flooding.									
<b>FORT BEND County</b>									
NEEDVILLE to 5 S RICHMOND	06	0620CST 0640CST	10	50	0	0	15K		Tornado (F0)
Trees down in Needville. Trees and powerlines down across eastern portions of the county.									
<b>WHARTON County</b>									
WHARTON	06	0630CST 0730CST			0	0	2K		FLASH FLOOD
Minor street flooding in Wharton.									
<b>LIBERTY County</b>									
ROMAYOR	06	0638CST 0800CST			0	0	2K		FLASH FLOOD
Minor street flooding in Romayor.									
<b>HARRIS County</b>									
HOUSTON	06	0650CST			0	0	3K		THUNDERSTORM WIND (G52)
60 mph winds in the Galleria area.									
<b>BRAZORIA County</b>									
3 SSE ROSHARON to 5 SW ALVIN	06	0715CST 0730CST			0	0	10K		THUNDERSTORM WIND
Trees and powerlines blown down at CR 51 between HWY 288 & FM 521 and along CR 172.									
<b>MATAGORDA County</b>									
SARGENT	06	0717CST			0	0	5K		THUNDERSTORM WIND
Wind damage to 2 homes in Sargent.									
<b>GALVESTON County</b>									
DICKINSON	06	0731CST			0	0	0.50K		THUNDERSTORM WIND (G52)
60 mph wind gust at NWS Houston/Galveston.									



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#### **GALVESTON County**

<b>JAMAICA BEACH to PORT BOLIVAR</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>0756CST 0815CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5K</b>		<b>THUNDERSTORM WIND (G64)</b>
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62 mph winds at Jamaica Beach and 75 mph gusts at the Ferry landing in Galveston.

#### **CHAMBERS County**

<b>HANKAMER</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>0825CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3K</b>		<b>THUNDERSTORM WIND</b>
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Trees blown down.

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#### **MADISON - BRAZOS - GRIMES - MONTGOMERY - LIBERTY - COLORADO - HARRIS - WHARTON - FORT BEND - JACKSON - MATAGORDA - BRAZORIA**

	<b>17</b>	<b>1200CST</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>RIVER FLOODING</b>
	<b>28</b>	<b>2300CST</b>							

Severe flooding revisited the Houston HSA during the month of October. The event began Saturday afternoon October 17th as train echo development across the northwest HSA. Through early Sunday morning October 18th an MCS moved slowly through the northern and western portions of the HSA producing extremely heavy rain. This same complex had moved earlier through the San Antonio area. The size and intensity of the complex along with the repeated development of heavy rains resulted in widespread average rainfall of 5 to 8 inches over the HSA. Many areas received in excess of 10 inches and over 16 inches of rain fell along the Wharton/Colorado county line. The large areal coverage of this heavy rainfall lead to widespread river flooding, some of which reached near record levels. During the day Sunday the rain moved quickly to the east producing rainfall amounts averaging 2 to 4 inches. This rainfall did not result in significant flooding.

Even before the rainfall has stopped, rapid rises were occurring on several main stems and tributaries within the HSA. 5 to 7 inches of rain over the San Jacinto basin October 17th produced rapid rises during the early morning hours of October 18th. Major flooding occurred on Spring and Cypress Creeks as water spilled into surrounding communities in Montgomery and Harris Counties. A combination of heavy rain and flooding on these watersheds produced major flooding on the West Fork of the San Jacinto above Highway 59 near Humble to Lake Houston. Flooding continued from October 18th through October 23rd. On the East Fork at FM 1485 near New Caney the river went from around 5 feet, well within banks to above bankfull (15 feet) in 3 1/2 hours, and to above flood stage (19 feet) 2 1/2 hours later. The river remained above flood stage for almost 4 days. As a result of these flood waves emptying into Lake Houston significant flooding occurred on the San Jacinto River main stem below the lake from October 18th through October 23rd. At Highway 90 near Sheldon a rapid rise occurred on October 18th sending the river from well within banks to above flood stage (10 feet) in only 2 1/2 hours. Minor flooding occurred on the West Fork of the San Jacinto River in the channel below Lake Conroe to below Porter. Minor flooding also occurred on Caney Creek near Splendora and Luce Bayou near Huffman. Crests on these watersheds were at or slightly above flood stage and generally lasted 24 to 36 hours. A rise of the East Fork of the San Jacinto near Cleveland occurred on October 18th, however, the river crested below flood stage on October 19th. As a result of this flooding thousands of homes and businesses were isolated due to road closures, 150 to 200 homes were flooded in Montgomery County, mainly along Spring Creek, in Harris County 1200 homes were affected by flooding, 291 sustained minor damage, 50 major damage and 1 was destroyed. The only death attributed to flooding occurred late Sunday night or early Monday morning when an individual drove into a flooded road along Spring Creek.

Severe flooding on the San Bernard River occurred October 18th, the result of 12 to 14 inches of rain over the upper portions of the watershed. Major flooding occurred on several major tributaries, including Middle and West Bernard Creeks in Wharton County. Long time residents experienced flooding for the first time in memory. Highway 90A, which crosses the San Bernard River near East Bernard, was flooded and closed from October 20th through October 22nd. Highway 59 was closed near Kendalton for almost 24 hours. In Hungerford, Highway 59 was inundated at West Bernard Creek. The river crested near the flood of record at FM 442 near Boling. Downstream near Sweeny in Brazoria County barge traffic to the Phillips Petroleum Facility was stopped for more than a week due to high water and swift currents. Flooding continued through October 28th. The Lakeside subdivision in Brazoria County on Cedar Creek was threatened.

Flooding on the Colorado River was the result of heavy rainfall and upstream flooding. In Columbus moderate flooding occurred from October 18th through October 22nd. Several roads in the Columbus vicinity were inundated and closed, an RV park on Highway 71 in northwest Columbus was flooded as well as the public golf course, and Beeson Park, near the gage. Residents in Garwood, Altair, and Eagle Lake in southern Colorado County were evacuated. Downstream in Wharton major flooding occurred from October 20th through October 24th. A near record crest was observed in Wharton as well. Several hundred residents of Wharton were evacuated to El Campo for more than 48 hours. Wharton County had homes flooded from both the San Bernard and Colorado. In all 350 to 375 homes were impacted, 4 were destroyed completely, 143 sustained major damage, and 209 received minor damage. Hundreds of head of livestock were lost and 7500 acres of crop land were damaged. 50 agricultural structures were damaged or destroyed as well as 25 pieces of equipment (tractors, irrigation equipment, etc.).

Minor flooding also occurred on several rivers and creeks within the HSA. On Bedias Creek near Madisonville in Madison County brief lowland flooding occurred on October 19th. Minor flooding occurred on the Trinity River at Liberty, however no damage was reported. The Navasota River experienced minor lowland flooding from above OSR near Normangee to below Highway 30 near College Station from October 19th through October 22nd. On Middle and East Yegua Creeks minor flooding



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occurred from above Highway 21 to Lake Somerville from October 19th through October 25th. The impact of flooding on these watersheds were inundation of low lying areas and flooding of agricultural and pasture lands. On the Brazos River minor flooding occurred above Richmond to above Rosharon and moderate flooding from above Rosharon to below West Columbia. Significant backwater up Varner Creek in Brazoria County impacted roads into the Columbia Lakes subdivision. The Tres Palacios River in Matagorda briefly experienced minor lowland flooding in the channel above Midfield to below Highway 35 on October 19th. On East Mustang Creek in Wharton County minor flooding occurred from October 18th through October 19th. Significant rises were also observed on the following watersheds during this event; Cedar Bayou on the Harris/Liberty County line near Crosby, Chocolate Bayou in Brazoria County near Alvin, Mill Creek in Austin County near Bellville, and Cummins Creek near Columbus and Redgate Creek near Frelsburg, both in Colorado County.

Crests of these floods ranged from late Sunday until Thursday as the flood waves moved toward the coast. The flooding on the San Bernard and Colorado exceeded the historical flooding of winter 1991-1992. Flooding on the Brazos was somewhat less than either the 1991-1992 flood or the October 1994 flood. Flooding on the San Jacinto and its tributaries was well below the record 1994 event. ??VE

<b>BURLESON County</b>									
2.5 SW CALDWELL to 3 NW CALDWELL	17	1420CST 1426CST	5	75	0	0	500K		<b>Tornado (F1)</b>
<b>BURLESON County</b>									
2 S CALDWELL to 1.5 N CALDWELL	17	1428CST	3.5	100	0	0	1.5M		<b>Tornado (F2)</b>
Two tornadoes touched down in the Caldwell area causing substantial damage. Twenty-two homes were completely destroyed, 37 sustained major damage, and 101 homes with minor damage. Caldwell Middle School also had major damage. Tombstones weighing more than 1000 pounds were unearthed and moved.									
<b>BRAZOS County</b>									
5 E COLLEGE STATION 8 NE COLLEGE STATION	17	1540CST	3.5	75	0	0	20K		<b>Tornado (F1)</b>
Utility poles downed and roof damage on the outskirts of Bryan College Station.									
<b>BRAZOS County</b>									
COLLEGE STATION	17	1850CST 2300CST			0	0	5K		<b>FLASH FLOOD</b>
Street flooding in College Station as well as along frontage roads of HWY 6.									
<b>MADISON County</b>									
MADISONVILLE	17	1850CST 2300CST			0	0	5K		<b>FLASH FLOOD</b>
Street flooding in and around Madisonville. HWY 90 and FM 978 closed due to high water.									
<b>WASHINGTON County</b>									
3.5 E BRENHAM	17	1850CST 1853CST	1	25	0	0			<b>Tornado (F0)</b>
DPS reported tornado. No damage reported.									
<b>HOUSTON County</b>									
AUSTONIA	17	2030CST 2300CST			0	0	5K		<b>FLASH FLOOD</b>
Street flooding in Austonio and Lovelady.									
<b>WASHINGTON County</b>									
BRENHAM	17	2218CST 2300CST			0	0	5K		<b>FLASH FLOOD</b>
Street flooding.									
<b>AUSTIN County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	17 18	2221CST 0700CST			0	0	50K		<b>FLASH FLOOD</b>
Major flooding across the county, especially the southern half near Sealy and San Felipe. HWY 36 flooded. I-10 closed near mile marker 725 with 15 to 20 rescues of stranded motorists by 236 am. San Felipe evacuated at 355 am.									
<b>COLORADO County</b>									
EAST PORTION	17 18	2245CST 0700CST			0	0	25K		<b>FLASH FLOOD</b>
Major flooding across the county, especially in Eagle Lake, Garwood, and Nada.									
<b>HARRIS County</b>									
KATY	17	2300CST			0	0	5K		<b>THUNDERSTORM WIND</b>
Trees and powerlines blown down.									



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#### WHARTON County

COUNTYWIDE	17	2300CST			0	0	50K		FLASH FLOOD
	18	0700CST							FM 102 north of Egypt closed and water entering nearby homes. Major flooding across NW parts of county. Elm Grove subdivision in northern Wharton County had 1 foot of water in them.

#### HARRIS County

HOUSTON	18	0000CST 0005CST	1	25	0	0	20K		Tornado (F0)
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Magnolia and Pine Forest subdivisions had some roof damage, trees and powerlines downed.

#### HARRIS County

CYPRESS	18	0345CST 0347CST	1	25	0	0	25K		Tornado (F0)
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Minor structural damage and trees down.

#### HARRIS County

NORTH PORTION	18	0348CST 0700CST			0	0	10K		FLASH FLOOD
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Street flooding, especially near Hooks Airport.

#### HARRIS County

8 WNW Bammel to 7 WNW Bammel	18	0400CST 0402CST	1	25	0	0	10K		Tornado (F0)
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Trees blown down and minor damage to homes.

#### MONTGOMERY County

COUNTYWIDE	18	0400CST 0700CST			0	0	15K		FLASH FLOOD
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Major flooding beginning to occur countywide.

#### LIBERTY County

PLUM GROVE	18	0430CST 0432CST	0.5	25	0	0	30K		Tornado (F0)
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Tornado touchdown in Plum Grove on FM 1010. Mobile homes damaged and trees/powerlines down.

#### HOUSTON County

CROCKETT	18	0500CST 0800CST			0	0	5K		FLASH FLOOD
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Street flooding in Crockett.

#### WASHINGTON County

COUNTYWIDE	18	0515CST 1300CST			0	0	35K		FLASH FLOOD
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Flooded roads countywide. Bridge washed out at Wonderhill Rd.

#### WALLER County

BROOKSHIRE	18	0525CST 0528CST	1	50	1	1	75K		Tornado (F2)
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Tornado destroyed mobile home. One person killed and another injured in the home. Nine other homes damaged and 2 barns destroyed. M47MH

#### BRAZOS County

COUNTYWIDE	18	0545CST 1300CST			0	0	15K		FLASH FLOOD
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HWY 30 between HWY 6 & FM 158 closed due to flooding. Secondary roads flooded elsewhere.

#### JACKSON County

EDNA to COUNTYWIDE	18	0629CST 1300CST			0	0	15K		FLASH FLOOD
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Street flooding in Edna became more widespread through the period.

#### AUSTIN County

COUNTYWIDE	18	0706CST 1100CST			0	0	15K		FLASH FLOOD
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Major flooding countywide.

#### COLORADO County

COUNTYWIDE	18	0706CST 1100CST			0	0	15K		FLASH FLOOD
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Major flooding countywide.



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<b>HARRIS County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	0706CST 1100CST			0	0	100K		FLASH FLOOD
	Major flooding countywide.								
<b>MONTGOMERY County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	0706CST 1100CST			0	0	75K		FLASH FLOOD
	Major flooding countywide.								
<b>WALLER County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	0706CST 1100CST			0	0	15K		FLASH FLOOD
	Major flooding countywide.								
<b>WHARTON County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	0706CST 1100CST			0	0	15K		FLASH FLOOD
	Major flooding countywide.								
<b>LIBERTY County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	0901CST 1300CST			0	0	15K		FLASH FLOOD
	Major flooding countywide.								
<b>MADISON County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	0901CST			0	0	10K		FLASH FLOOD
	FM 2289 & FM 1428 flooded.								
<b>FORT BEND County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	0930CST 1100CST			0	0	10K		FLASH FLOOD
	Training rains caused numerous flooded roads.								
<b>CHAMBERS County</b>									
NORTH PORTION	18	0945CST 1300CST			0	0	5K		FLASH FLOOD
	I-10 at HWY 565 flooded.								
<b>BRAZORIA County</b>									
BRAZORIA	18	1024CST 1230CST			0	0	3K		FLASH FLOOD
	Minor street flooding.								
<b>GALVESTON County</b>									
FRIENDSWOOD	18	1024CST 1230CST			0	0	3K		FLASH FLOOD
	Minor street flooding.								
<b>SAN JACINTO County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1030CST 1100CST			0	0	10K		FLASH FLOOD
	Training rains caused numerous roads to flood.								
<b>AUSTIN County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1102CST 1500CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
	Major flooding continues.								
<b>COLORADO County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1102CST 1500CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
	Major flooding continues.								
<b>FORT BEND County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1102CST 1500CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
	Major flooding continues.								
<b>HARRIS County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1102CST 1500CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
	Major flooding continues.								



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<b>MONTGOMERY County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1102CST 1500CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
			Major flooding continues.						
<b>SAN JACINTO County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1102CST 1500CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
			Major flooding continues.						
<b>WALLER County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1102CST 1500CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
			Major flooding continues.						
<b>WHARTON County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1102CST 1500CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
			Major flooding continues.						
<b>CHAMBERS County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1307CST 1600CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
			Flooding continues						
<b>LIBERTY County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1307CST 1600CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
			Flooding continues.						
<b>JACKSON County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1319CST 1700CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
			Flooding continues.						
<b>BRAZOS County</b>									
COLLEGE STATION	18	1640CST 1900CST			0	0	2K		FLASH FLOOD
			Street flooding in College Station.						
<b>JACKSON County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18	1707CST 2000CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
			Flooding continues. Numerous roads closed.						
<b>JACKSON County</b>									
COUNTYWIDE	18 19	2012CST 0100CST			0	0			FLASH FLOOD
			Flooding continues.						