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It is a hard thing to watch our fellow Texans suffer through the massive damage left by Hurricane Harvey. The Alliance is committed to helping any of our members who have been hurt by the storm. Please contact John Tintera, our Executive Vice President of Government Relations, so he can try to help guide you through the regulatory problems you are encountering.

As you may know, the Alliance has already made an effort to discuss the plight of storm impacted operators with the Railroad Commission (RRC), and we have found them to be concerned and cooperative (see page 4 for more information). We commend them for their leadership and appreciate their consideration.

Operators should be aware of the P5 extensions already announced by the Agency, but other issues may also exist. As storm waters recede and operations attempt to return to normal, we suggest that our members consider sending a letter to the RRC manager that oversees the regulatory function explaining the possible delays. Include your operator number, lease, type of report, form or activity that has been impacted, and a projection of when it might be solved. You may wish to ask directly for a specific extension of time.

That will put you on record with the agency that you are having compliance problems due to the storm. The RRC staff will likely consider these requests on a case by case basis.

The Alliance wants to thank all the member companies and employees who have contributed time and money to the recovery effort. If you have a story you would like to share with our membership, please send it to us. And as always, let us know how and when we can help.