



JUAN CARLOS GUERRA – JIM HOGG COUNTY JUDGE

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LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION / DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER – JIM HOGG COUNTY, TEXAS – DUE TO FUEL SUPPLY EMERGENCY

STATE OF TEXAS — COUNTY OF JIM HOGG

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act of 1975, as amended) authorizes the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision to declare a local state of disaster

WHEREAS, Juan Carlos Guerra, County Judge of Jim Hogg County, Texas, serves as the Presiding Officer of the Jim Hogg County Commissioners Court and is authorized under Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code to declare a local state of disaster when a disaster has occurred or the occurrence or threat of disaster is imminent

WHEREAS, a significant fuel supply emergency currently exists within Jim Hogg County due to the contamination of underground fuel storage tanks at the only retail fuel station serving the town of Hebbronville and the surrounding area

WHEREAS, as a result of this contamination, the fuel station has ceased the sale of gasoline and diesel fuel until the contamination is remediated and the storage system is repaired

WHEREAS, it has been represented that repairs and restoration of fuel service are expected to require unknown, during which time residents, businesses, emergency responders, healthcare providers, public utilities, school transportation, agricultural operations, and governmental entities may experience significant hardship in obtaining fuel necessary for essential operations

WHEREAS, the interruption of the local fuel supply poses an imminent threat to public health, public safety, emergency response capabilities, commerce, agriculture, and the general welfare of the citizens of Jim Hogg County

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures may be necessary to protect life and property, coordinate emergency response efforts, seek assistance from state agencies, and facilitate the delivery of emergency fuel resources to the community

SPECIFIC FINDINGS

Affected Fuel Station Identification: The affected retail fuel station is identified as 7-ELEVEN INC, Owner ID R13595, and further identified as Stripes Store 40892H located at 611 N SMITH HEBBRONVILLE TX 78361.

Contamination and Shutdown Details: Contamination of underground storage occurred or was discovered on July 17, 2026 at approximately 7:00p.m. local time Central Time, involving contaminant of fuel tanks.

Cessation of Sales: Retail sales of gasoline and diesel fuel at the affected station ceased on July 18, 2026 at approximately 10:00 A.M. Central Time and remain suspended pending remediation and repair.

Restoration Estimate: Based on an estimate provided by the store manager on July 18, 2026 repairs and restoration of fuel service are unknown at this time.

Countywide Applicability: The declaration applies countywide because the affected station is the only retail fuel source serving Hebbronville and surrounding portions of Jim Hogg County, and there are no alternative in-county fueling options for the general public or public safety fleets, which impairs continuity of county services and essential operations.

Operational Impacts and Metrics: The County currently has emergency response vehicles, deputy vehicles, Border Patrol, and DPS vehicles, affected, among key resource constraints, with an unknown estimated days of on-hand fuel reserves for public safety operations; the nearest alternative fueling location is approximately 54 miles from Hebbronville.

DECLARATION

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juan Carlos Guerra, County Judge of Jim Hogg County, Texas, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, do hereby declare that a Local State of Disaster is declared for all areas of Jim Hogg County, Texas, effective 9:30 PM Central Time on July 18, 2026

This declaration is issued due to the imminent threat to public health and safety resulting from the loss of the only retail fuel source serving Hebbronville and surrounding portions of Jim Hogg County

All available resources of Jim Hogg County shall be utilized as reasonably necessary to cope with this emergency

The Jim Hogg County Office of Emergency Management is authorized to coordinate emergency response activities and to request assistance from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and any other appropriate local, state, or federal agencies

AGENCY ROLES AND COORDINATION

TCEQ will provide contamination oversight and regulatory coordination related to the affected underground storage tanks and remediation activities; TDEM will coordinate resource support, including STAR requests, and intergovernmental assistance; DPS will provide public safety support within its authority; and TDA will monitor and coordinate on agricultural fuel impacts and continuity of agricultural operations

DURATION AND EXPIRATION

In accordance with Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days unless continued or renewed by the Jim Hogg County Commissioners' Court

This declaration shall expire automatically at 9:30 PM Central Time on July 25, 2026, unless continued or renewed by order of the Commissioners Court entered before that time

PUBLICITY AND FILING

This declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Jim Hogg County Clerk

COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA

This declaration shall be placed on the next regular or special meeting agenda of the Jim Hogg County Commissioners Court for consideration of continuation or renewal under Section 418.108(b) and (c) of the Texas Government Code, currently scheduled for July 24, 2026 at 9:30 A.M., at 102 E. TILLEY, HEBBRONVILLE, TX 78361.

EXECUTION

DECLARED at Hebbronville, Jim Hogg County, Texas, on July 18, 2026, at 9:30 PM Central Time

Juan Carlos Guerra J.C. Guerra
County Judge, Jim Hogg County, Texas
Date/Time Signed: 18/07/2026

ATTEST: Zonia G. Morales
ZONIA G. MORALES
County Clerk, Jim Hogg County, Texas
Date/Time Signed: 9:30PM 7/18/26



CERTIFICATE OF POSTING AND FILING

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing Declaration of Local State of Disaster was:

1. Filed with the Jim Hogg County Clerk on July 18, 2026 at 9:30PM Central Time, Clerk's File Stamp: _____.
2. Posted at the Jim Hogg County Courthouse at posting location 1 County Bulletin on July 18, 2026 at 9:30PM Central Time.
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4. Posted on the County's official website at <https://www.co.jim-hogg.tx.us/page/jim-hogg.County.Judgeon> July 18, 2026 at 9:30 P.M. Central Time.

Certified by: Nelda Guerrero
NELDA GUERRERO, Title Deputy Clerk
Date/Time: 7/18/26 9:30 p.m.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

This declaration is based upon the authority granted by Texas Government Code Chapter 418 (Texas Disaster Act of 1975), including Section 418.108, which authorizes the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision to declare a local state of disaster when a disaster has occurred or when the threat of disaster is imminent, and provides the legal basis for coordinating emergency response efforts, requesting state assistance through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), and utilizing emergency powers available under Chapter 418 to protect the citizens of Jim Hogg County

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