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Board Memo 095-2024: Update on Hurricane Beryl near Matagorda Bay, Texas

Executive Board,

Below is an update from Michael Swigart, the Executive Director of Continuity and Preparedness, regarding Hurricane Beryl making landfall July 8th near Matagorda Bay, TX.

Situation: Recovery efforts continue in the Texas 2 and Southwest Division, particularly in the Houston area.

Power and cellular service in the impacted areas are slowly coming back on line.

People:

- Employee accountability continues. Cellular service outages have continued to hamper this effort. Currently, out of a total of 15241 employees domiciled within the area of the TX 2 District, 214 employees (all functions) remain unaccounted for. Breakout by function is below.
 - Texas 2 District – 25
 - Southwest Division Processing – South Houston – 58; and North Houston – 122
 - Southwest Division Logistics – 9
- Efforts will continue today to contact the remaining 214 employees leveraging Union and Management Association assistance. After today, the name and contact information of any remaining unaccounted-for employee will be referred to the Inspection Service for in person wellness checks.
- Call ins while improving, remain a challenge across all functions (particularly in the Houston area).
 - Retail and delivery (TX2) – 91% availability
 - Processing availability – North Houston 50%; and South Houston 85%
 - Logistics – 75% availability
- All functions will place a focus on completing timekeeping for this week (i.e. end of pay period).

Property:

Retail and Delivery

- Thirty-two (32) offices in the Texas 2 District suffered minor damages (broken windows/doors) but remain operational.
- One (1) office in the TX 2 District has reported water/sewage intrusion and has had a FAT completed. FAT results pending to determine whether safe to occupy.
- 73 offices in the Texas 2 District remain without power.

Processing and Logistics

- North Houston remains without grid power.
 - Three generators are onsite and operational which provides approximately 50% of the facility's operational capacity.
 - Current ETA for grid power restoration is later today.

Product:

- Fuel availability is a concern with limited gas stations having power and available fuel supply. A plan to provide emergency fueling (Atlas fuel) is being formulated today to provide fueling in strategic locations.
- The Fuel Merchant (open/operational) locations report is being provided to assist in obtaining fuel.
- Industry Alert for temporary suspension of drop shipments to North Houston P&DC and BMEU extended until midnight, Thursday night, 7/11/24.
- The Amazon Houston 1 center is operational but had several cancelled trips this morning.

Communications:

- Post-hurricane stand up talks (SUTs) continue to be provided on a daily basis across all functions.
- Industry Alerts are being kept current.
- The Regional Vice President Operations and Area Customer Relations Manager will coordinate proactive messaging to congressional aides on the status of operations.
- The next scheduled touchpoint is 1100 (Eastern) Thursday July 11, 2024.

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you, and be safe.

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