

2002

HURRICANE LILI

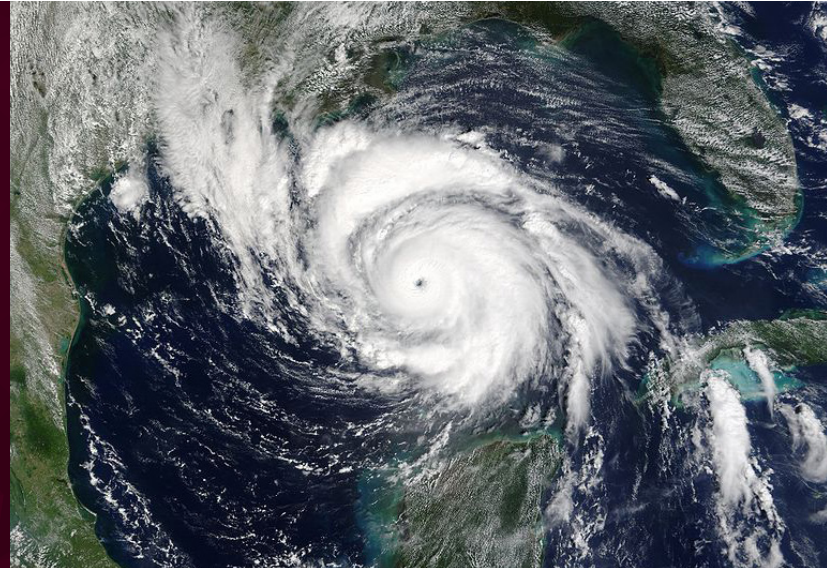
Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 2 days

48 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 2 Water Rescue Strike Teams
 - 4 Water Rescue Squads on each team (total 8)
- Swiftwater rescue logistics personnel with equipment trailer
- 1 ESF-9 Coordinator
- 2 ESF-9 Liaison Officers

Type - **HURRICANE**



Hurricane Lili developed into a tropical storm on September 21, 2002. As the storm traveled westward into the Caribbean, it strengthened to a Category 2 Hurricane. On October 1, Hurricane Lili made 2 landfalls in western Cuba, and then entered into the Gulf of Mexico. By the afternoon of October 2, it had reached a Category 4 status.

On October 2, TX-TF1 was activated by GDEM to prepare to conduct safe and effective search and rescue operations along the upper Texas coast that was projected to be impacted by Hurricane Lili. As a result, 2 Water Rescue Strike Teams composed of 8 Water Rescue Squads, with 24 members each, began duty at 4:00 p.m. One of the strike teams forward deployed to Houston while the second strike team stationed in Beaumont.

The following day, Hurricane Lili weakened to a Category 1 Hurricane prior to making landfall in Louisiana, eventually moving inland and dissipating by October 6. Though Hurricane Lili caused extensive damage throughout the Caribbean and Louisiana, Texas was only minutely affected; therefore, all TX-TF1 resources were demobilized on October 3.



October 2-3