

Final Program

8:30 a.m. Welcome Remarks

C. Vipulanandan (Vipu), Professor and Director of THC-IT, University of Houston
Renu Khator, Chancellor and President, University of Houston, Houston, Texas
B. Callegari, State Representative, District 132, Katy, Texas

Session I: (8:40 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.) General Session

Moderator: C. Vipulanandan, Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Mark Sloan, "Harris County Challenges and Lessons Learned, Harris County Emergency Manager, Houston, Texas, Keynote Speaker;
Judge Samuel Loyd Neal, "Nueces County Challenges and Lessons Learned, County Judge, Corpus Christi, Texas, Keynote Speaker;
Jack Colley, "Hurricane Related Challenges in Texas" Chief, Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Austin, Texas, Keynote Speaker;
Dennis J. Storemski, "From Rita to Ike, and Moving Forward: Lessons Learned," Director of Public Safety and Homeland Security, City of Houston, Houston, Texas, Keynote Speaker.

9:50 – 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break (Exhibit Area)

Session II: (10:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon)

Panel 1: Power Grids and Utilities

Moderator: Rafael Ortega, Vice President, Lockwood, Andrew and Newnam, Houston, Texas.

Panelist (15 to 25 min. presentations)

Public Utility Commission and Lessons Learned from Hurricanes, **David Featherston**, Director, Public Utilities Commission, Austin, Texas
Hurricane Ike, Power Supply and Houston's Wastewater System, **Ravi Kaleyatodi**, Assistant Director, City of Houston, Houston, Texas
Hurricane Ike, the Damages, and Entergy's Response, **Vernon Pierce**, Director of Consumer Services for Entergy, Beaumont, Texas
CenterPoint Power Grid Issues and Hurricanes, **Douglas White**, Emergency Management Coordinator, CenterPoint Energy, Houston, Texas.

Panel Discussion: Challenges in Maintaining Power Grids and Utilities During Hurricanes

Panel 2: Hurricane Impact and Transportation Issues

Moderator: Jack Whaley, Director TranStar, Houston, Texas.

Panelist (15 to 25 min. presentations)

Prediction of Hurricanes, Mark Chambers President, ImpactWeather Inc., Houston, Texas

TxDOT Transportation Issues Related to Hurricanes, Carla Base, Emergency Coordinator TxDOT, Austin, Texas.

City of Houston Transportation Issues Related to Hurricanes, Jeff Weatherford, Interim Deputy Director of Transportation, City of Houston, Houston, Texas.

Panel Discussion: Challenges in Planning, Coordinating and Predicting Hurricanes

Lunch Break, Exhibition & Research Posters

Posters on research at Texas Southern University, Lamar University, Rice University and University of Houston. Companies participate in the Exhibition.

Session III: (1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

Panel 3 : Rapid Recovery and Debris Management

Moderator: Trent Solvak, Vice President, Malcolm Pirnie Inc., Houston, Texas.

Panelist (20-25 min. presentations)

Judge Jim Yarborough, **Galveston County Challenges in Rapid Recovery and Lessons Learned**, County Judge, Galveston County, Texas, Keynote Speaker.

General Land Office and Lessons Learned from Hurricanes, Michael Lemonds, General land Office, Austin, Texas.

Coordinating the Efforts of Debris Removal and Management, Tommy Horton and Andy Compton, Associates, Malcolm Pirnie Inc., Tampa, Florida.

Panel Discussion: Rapid Recovery and Debris Management after a Hurricane.

Panel 4: Insurance, Damages and Loss Mitigation

Moderator: William Fendley, Cobb Fendley and Associates., Houston, Texas.

Insurance Issues Related to Hurricanes in Texas, Jack Evins, Manager Consumer Protection, Texas Department of Insurance, Austin, Texas.

Hurricane IKE Survey Assessment and Damages, C. Vipulanandan, Professor and Director of THC-IT, University of Houston, Houston, Texas.

Offshore Insurance, Tommy Laurendine, Vice President, Liberty International Underwriters, Houston, Texas.

Panel Discussion: Insurance, Damages and Loss Mitigation During a Hurricane

RECEPTION: (2:30 - 3:30 p.m.)

Reception will be held in the Exhibit area (food and drinks). In addition to conference participants, number of city, county and industrial leaders will be invited to participate. This is a good opportunity to network and number of door prizes is waiting for you.

Professional Development Hours (PDH)

Earn up to 5 hours of PDH by attending the conference. Certificates will be issued after the conference.