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**TO:** All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

**SUBJECT:** Survey Results from Major Texas Based Insurance Companies Covering "Flood Damage" Vehicles

### PURPOSE

To provide you with the latest information provided by participants responding to the questionnaire regarding "Flood Damage" vehicles in the Southeast Texas area.

### DETAILS

Listed below is vehicle flood damage data received from seven major insurance companies concerning their processing of flood damage claims as a result of Tropical Storm Allison in June 2001:

- Number of vehicle flood damage claims paid by polled insurance companies: 45,874
- Number of vehicles for which total loss claims were paid by polled insurance companies: 22,771
- Number of flood damage claims filed with TxDOT for the issuance of Salvage Certificates, Salvage Certificates of Title, or Nonrepairable Certificates of Title: 25,104  
A listing of these vehicles by Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) will be made available to the public through the TxDOT VTR website as soon as possible.
- Estimate of flood damage vehicles sold on Auction Sales Receipts by the Houston Police Department: 100

**VTR CONTACT PERSON(S)**

Any questions or comments should be directed to your local Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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