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TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Flood Damaged Vehicle Database Available on Internet

PURPOSE

To advise you of the availability of a Flood Damaged Vehicle Database and to provide you with a "shell" news release that you can customize and send to your local media, if desired. We plan to send a similar release to the capitol press and other media outlets statewide. (Refer to the attachment).

DETAILS

This past June, Southeast Texas was hit by major flooding caused by Tropical Storm Allison. In TxDOT's continued effort to provide quality service and because of the concern that many of these flood-damaged vehicles are being purchased in Texas and then taken out of state for resale, a flood damaged vehicle database was created and is now available on the TxDOT website.

Customers need only to access TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us. Customers may click the "Vehicles" link and then select "Flood Damage Database." The database is searchable by model year, make of the vehicle and vehicle identification number. Customers can see if a salvage certificate or title has been issued. The title number and date of issuance is also shown. The website only identifies vehicles that have received "Flood Damaged" titles in Texas, and represents only that time period relative to the June 2001, Southeast Texas flood.

VTR CONTACT PERSON(S)

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your local Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Dike, Director

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Attachment

cc: VTR Administration
TxDOT, Motor Vehicle Division
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Officer Chris Malek, Houston Police Department