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# **A Perfect Storm**

## **Hurricane Harvey**

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# Hurricane Harvey

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- **August 17, 2017** – Hurricane Harvey is named.
- **August 23, 2017** – State disaster declaration issued.
- **August 25, 2017** - Hurricane Harvey made landfall on the Texas Gulf Coast.
- Hurricane Harvey caused **\$125 billion** in damage.



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# Hurricane Harvey – Activation

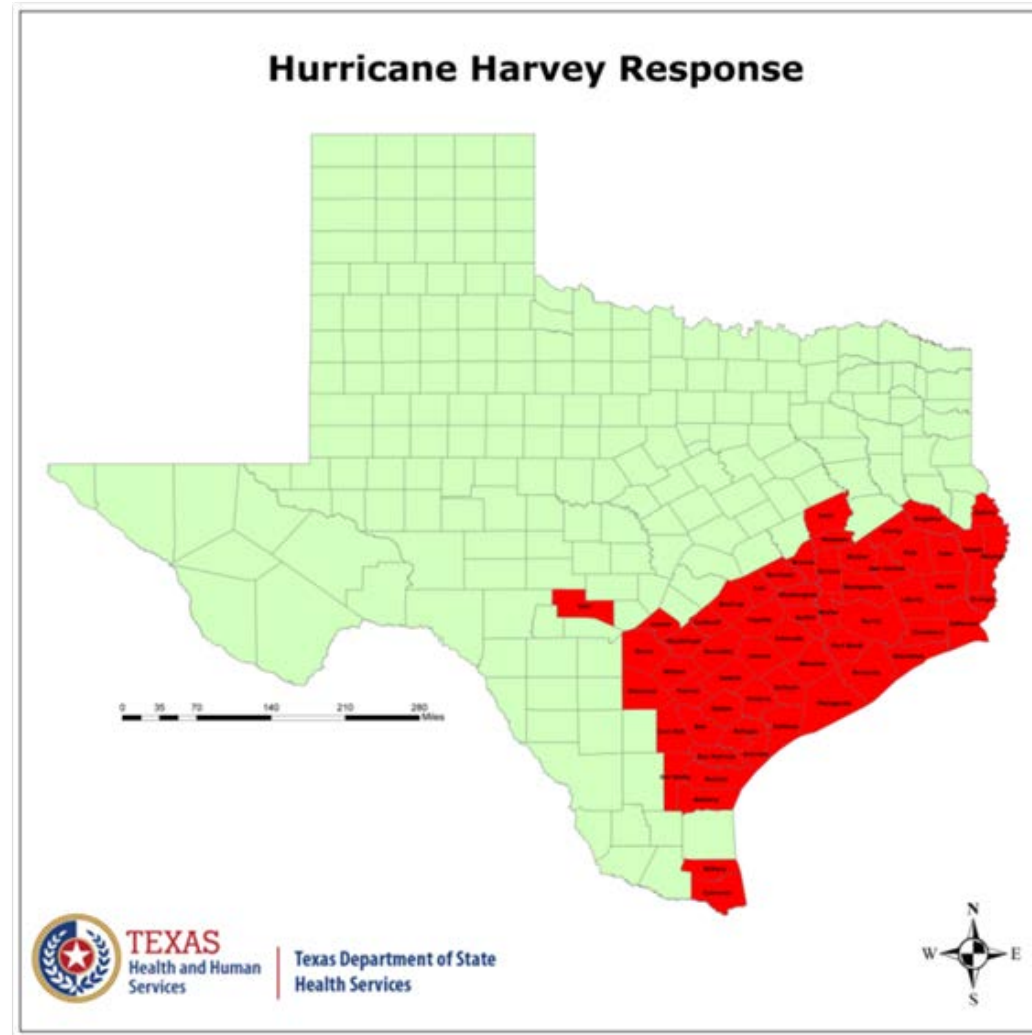
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- In August of 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall on the Texas Gulf Coast
- TRRT activated in August 2017
  - FDA, OTSC and DSHS
    - Identify affected counties
    - Survey firms
    - Conduct onsite visits if needed
- Multidisciplinary Activation
  - Food, feed, drugs, medical devices



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## Surveys

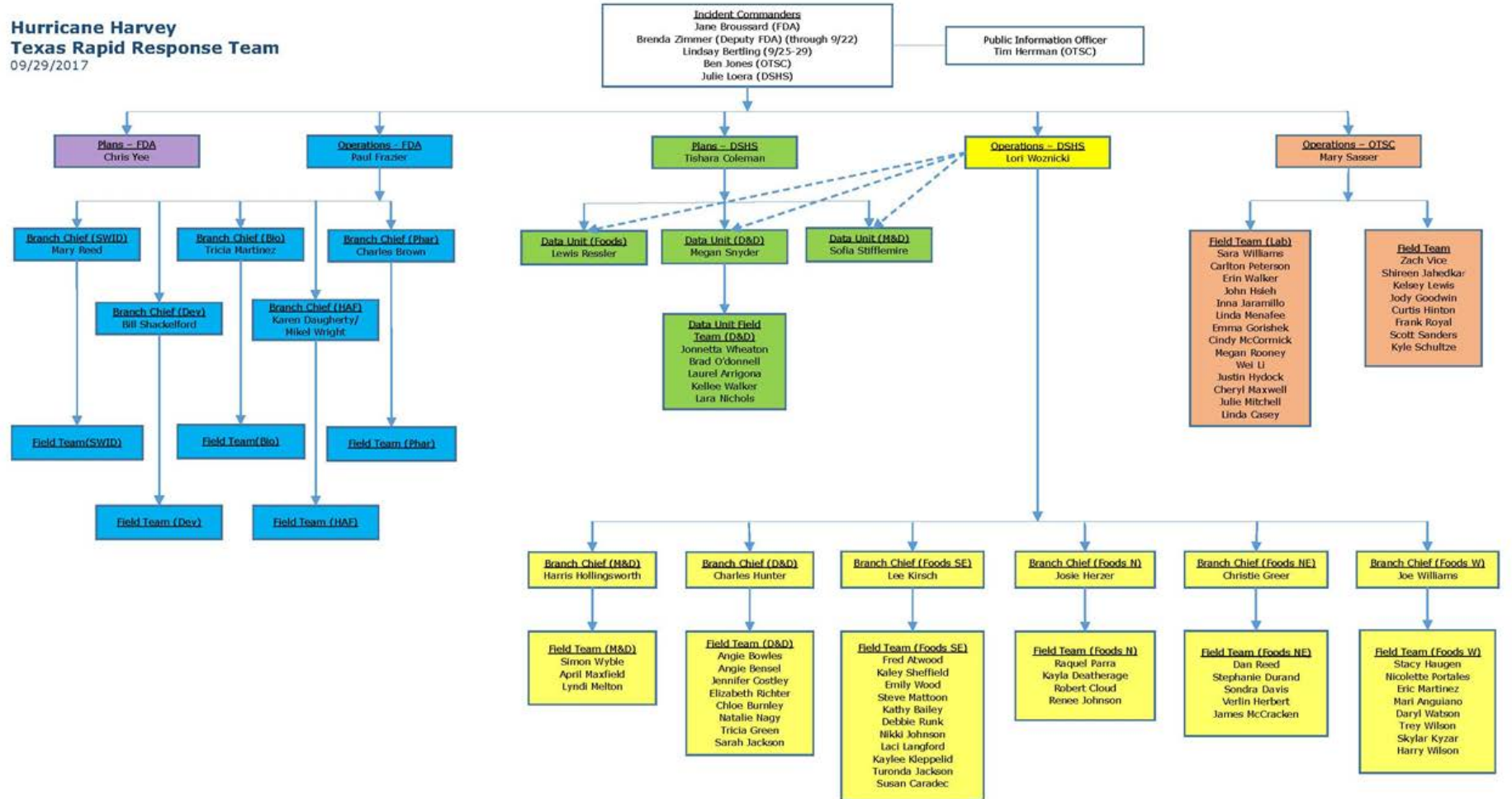
- Questionnaires created
- Conducted over phone by field teams
  
- Over 4700 firms surveyed
  - 2800 – DSHS
  - 1700 –FDA
  - 290 – OTSC
  
- Onsite Visits
  - 46 – DSHS
  - 7 – FDA
  - 68 – OTSC
  
- Deactivated October 20<sup>th</sup>



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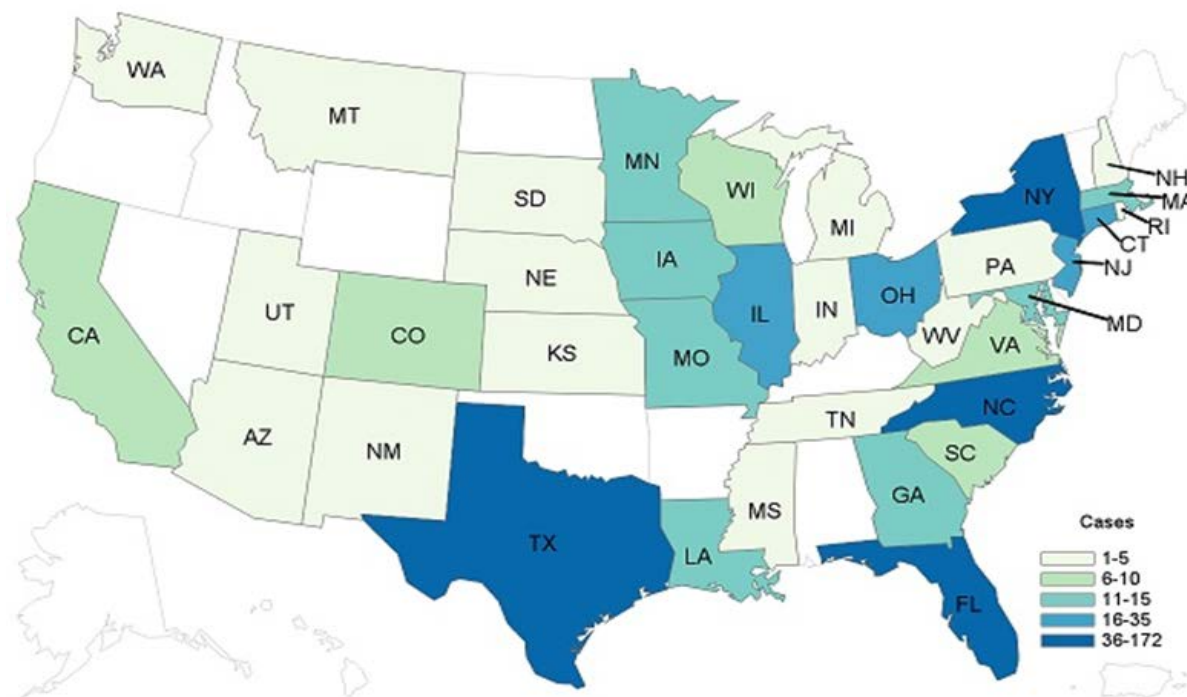
# Cyclospora 2017 - Activation

- 172 cases of infection had been reported among Texas residents.
  - TRRT activated in July 24, 2017
  - TRRT deactivated September 25, 2017



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**REPORTED U.S. CASES OF  
LABORATORY-CONFIRMED, NON-  
TRAVEL-ASSOCIATED  
CYCLOSPORIASIS IN PERSONS WITH  
ONSET OF ILLNESS SINCE MAY 1,  
2017 - SEPTEMBER 27, 2017**





# The Perfect Storm

## HURRICANE HARVEY TIMELINE



## CYCLOSPORA TIMELINE



# Lessons Learned

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- More TRRT awareness
  - First activation
  - Just-In-Time training
- Expand ICS structure
  - Safety
  - Resources/Logistics
- Need depth and training
  - Long activation
  - ICS courses
  - Outbreak elsewhere



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