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MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER

I, Jeff R. Branick, duly elected Judge of Jefferson County, based on most recent information received from the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality and Emergency personnel and further having received reports from law enforcement of residents in harm's way, who are refusing to leave their homes, and because of imminent dangers posed by the explosion at the TPC facility in Port Neches, TX, do hereby order a mandatory evacuation for the following areas in Jefferson County, Texas:

Those areas within a 4 mile radius of the TPC facility in Port Neches, TX that includes the cities of Port Neches, Groves, Nederland and the northern part of Port Arthur bounded by:

The intersection of Sunken Court at Twin City Highway to St. Catherine's Church, on Woodrow Blvd., thence to the Port Arthur Civic Center and including the areas of Beauxart Gardens and Central Gardens.

This order is to be effective at 3:28 p.m., November, 2019, for Jefferson County, under the authority granted me by Section 418.108 (f) of the Government Code. By this same authority, I hereby exempt the following classes of individuals from such mandatory evacuation Order:

1. Those employees of oil terminals, pipelines and oil supply facilities that are essential for and who are actively involved in the transportation and receiving of oil and supplies in Jefferson County refining and petrochemical facilities and such other employees who are deemed essential to the operation of refining and petrochemical facilities by their employer.
2. Those employees of hospitals, trauma centers, nursing homes, convalescent facilities or other healthcare providers who are essential for and who are actively involved in providing medical treatment and/or housing for persons who are ill or infirm and who are not evacuated.
3. Those employees of Federal, State, and Local Governments, Political Subdivisions, and Special Purpose Districts who are deemed essential by their employer.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect for a period of 10 days from the effective time noted hereinabove, unless extended or earlier terminated.

11/27/19
Date


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