

2019 ERCOT and Texas RE Generator Weatherization Workshop

September 5, 2019

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Attendee Information

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- Medical emergency

Agenda

Beginning Time	End Time	Description	Presenter
08:00	08:15	Regulatory review of winterization activities.	Mark Henry Director, Reliability Services Texas Reliability Entity, Inc. Mark.Henry@TEXASRE.org
08:15	08:45	Causes of frozen instrumentation from the last two winters and actions to prevent reoccurrence.	Patrick Jackson Plant Engineer Tenaska Kiamichi Generating Station PJackson@TENASKA.com
08:45	09:15	Improvements to Deer Park Energy Center winter readiness and lessons learned from GT1 trip.	Jacob Frahm Plant Engineer, Deer Park Energy Center Jacob.Frahm@Calpine.com
09:15	09:25	Break	
09:25	09:55	Improvements and lessons learned to Lamar Power Partners winter readiness.	Steven Harper Lamar Power Partners Steven.Harper@Luminant.com
09:55	10:25	Correct testing of heat trace.	Patrick Bartell, Valin Corporation PBartell@valin.com
10:25	10:35	Break	
10:35	11:05	Understanding critical components within a series heat trace circuit.	Jeff Klier, Plant Manager Wolf Hollow Generating Station Jeffery.Klier@constellation.com
11:05	11:20	ERCOT update.	Alan H. Allgower Operations Analyst, Senior, ERCOT alan.allgower@ercot.com
11:20	12:00	Preliminary winter 2019/2020 outlook.	Chris Coleman, Meteorologist Sr, Load Forecasting & Analysis, ERCOT Chris.Coleman@ercot.com
12:00	12:05	Closing comments.	Alan Allgower, ERCOT

Regulatory Review of Winterization Activities

Mark Henry
Reliability Services, Texas Reliability Entity

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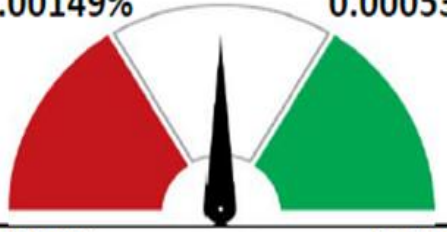

NERC Industry Metric on Events Caused by Gas-Fired Unit Forced Outages Due to Cold Weather or Gas Unavailability

Why is it important?:

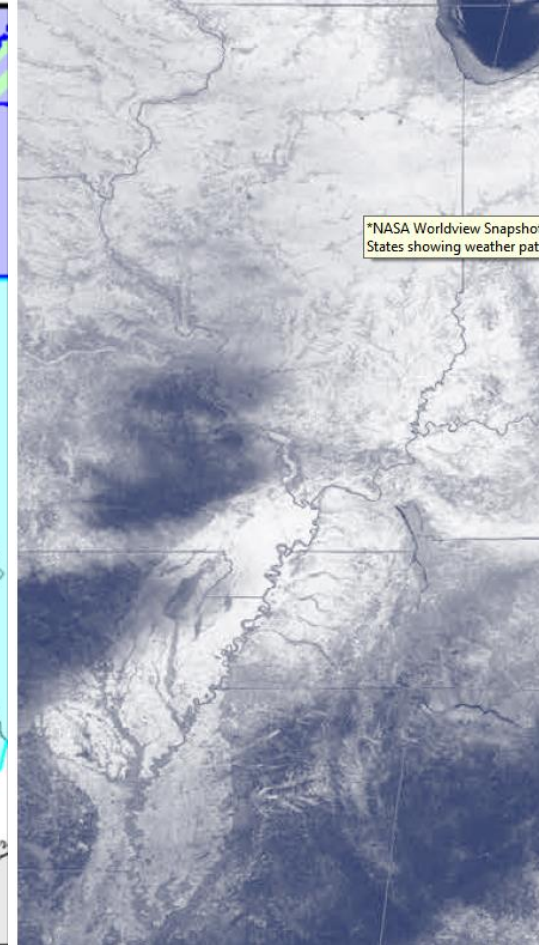
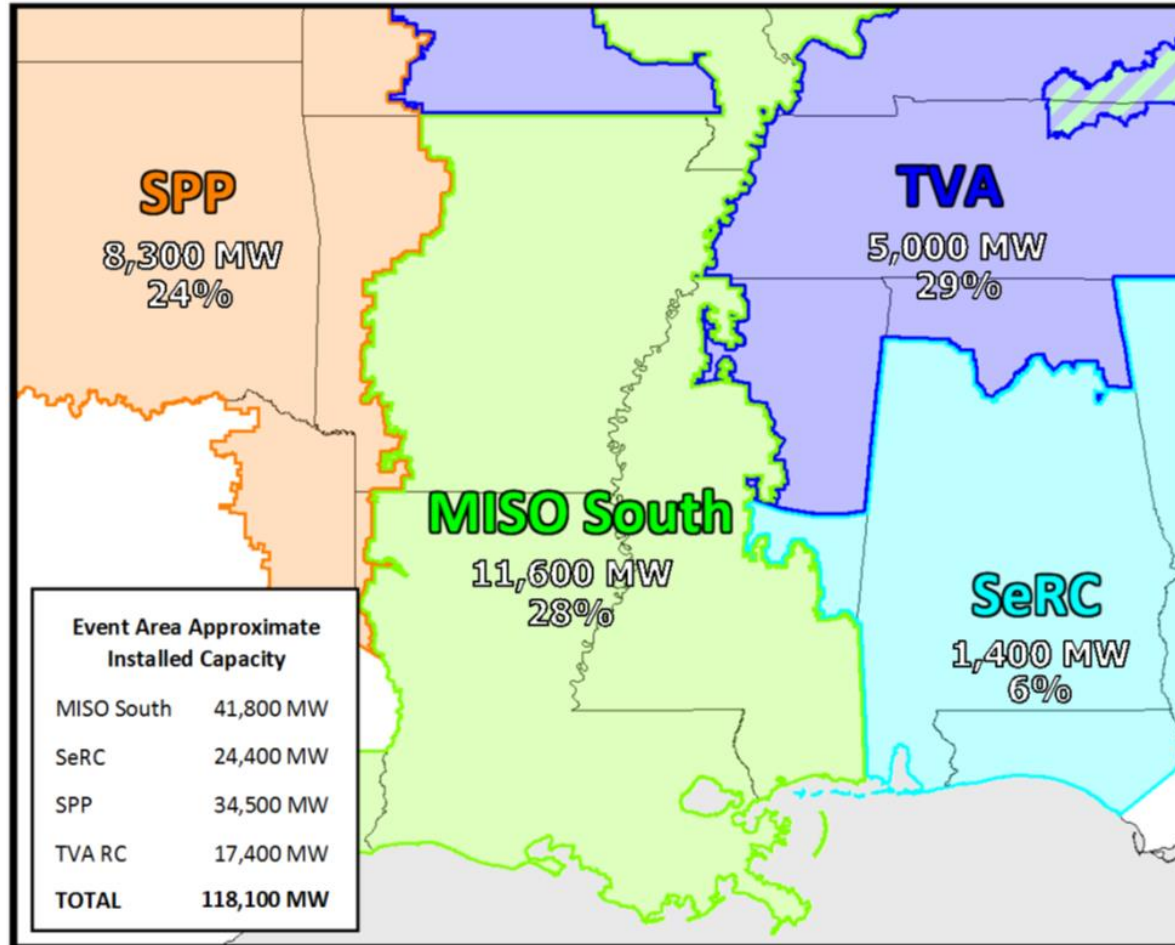
- Reduce risk to BPS reliability due to gas-fired unit outages during cold weather or gas unavailability

How is it measured?:

- Firm load loss due to cold weather or gas unavailability
- MWh of potential production lost initiated by cold weather and gas unavailability

Data (Annual Measurement) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No firm load loss due to gas-fired unit outages during cold weather: <i>Zero is green, else is red</i> (Cold weather months: January – March and December of the same calendar year) <i>As of 4/1/2019, Metric status is Green.</i> 	2019 Status 
Data (Annual Measurement) (Match with 4.4, year defined as Q3-Q2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No firm load loss due to gas unavailability: <i>Zero is green, else is red</i> <i>As of 4/1/2019, Metric status is Green.</i> 	
Data (Compared to a 5-year rolling average) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Percentage of winter period net MWh of potential production lost due to gas-fired unit outages during cold weather (Cold weather months: January – March and December of the same calendar year) ▪ Five-year average: 0.0068% 	<div>0.00149% 0.00053%</div> 
Data (Compared to a 5-year rolling average) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Percentage of annual net MWh of potential production lost due gas unavailability compared to a 5-year rolling average (Due to data availability, year defined as Q3-Q2) ▪ Five-year average: 0.1312% 	<div>0.192% 0.0898%</div> 

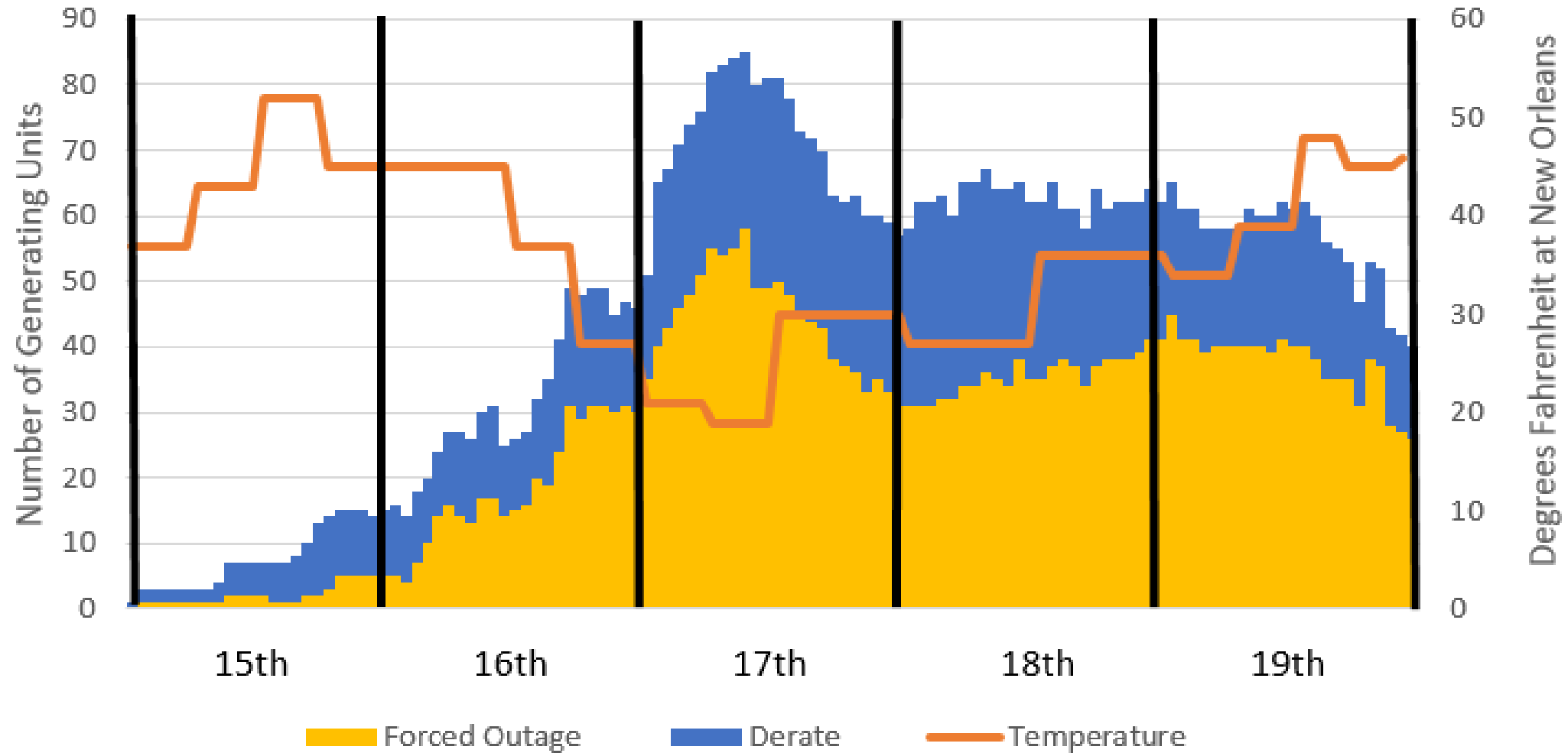
Joint NERC/FERC Inquiry and Report



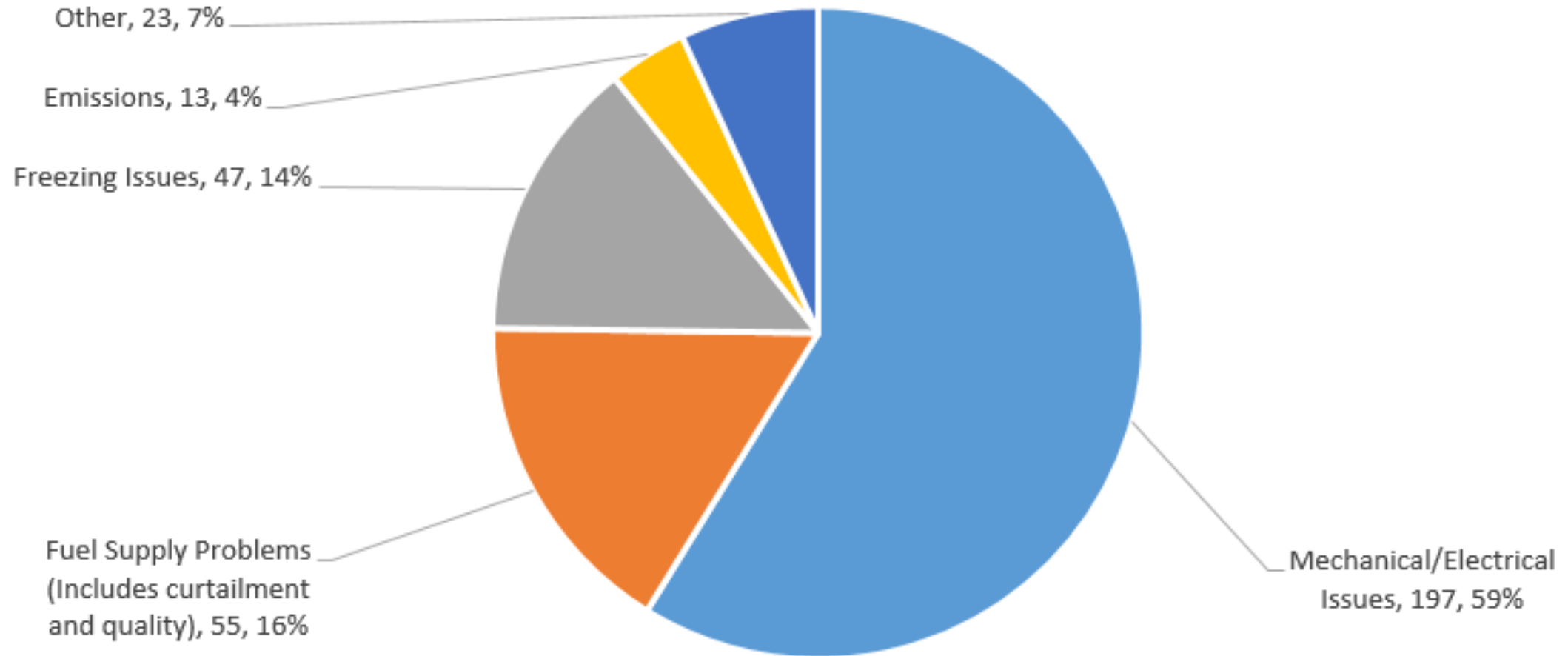
2019 FERC and NERC Staff Report

The South Central United States Cold Weather Bulk Electric System Event of January 17, 2018

January 15-19, 2018 – Number of Generation Unit Outages and Derates Versus Temperature, by Hour, for Event Area



January 15-19, 2018 - Causes of Unplanned Generation Outages and Derates for Southeast US Event Area



Findings and Recommendations from the Report

Generator Cold Weather Reliability:

Finding: The South Central U.S. Cold Weather BES Event of January 17, 2018, was caused by failure to properly prepare or “winterize” the generation facilities for cold temperatures.

Finding: Gas supply issues contributed to the Event, and natural gas-fired units represented at least 70% of the unplanned generation outages and derates.

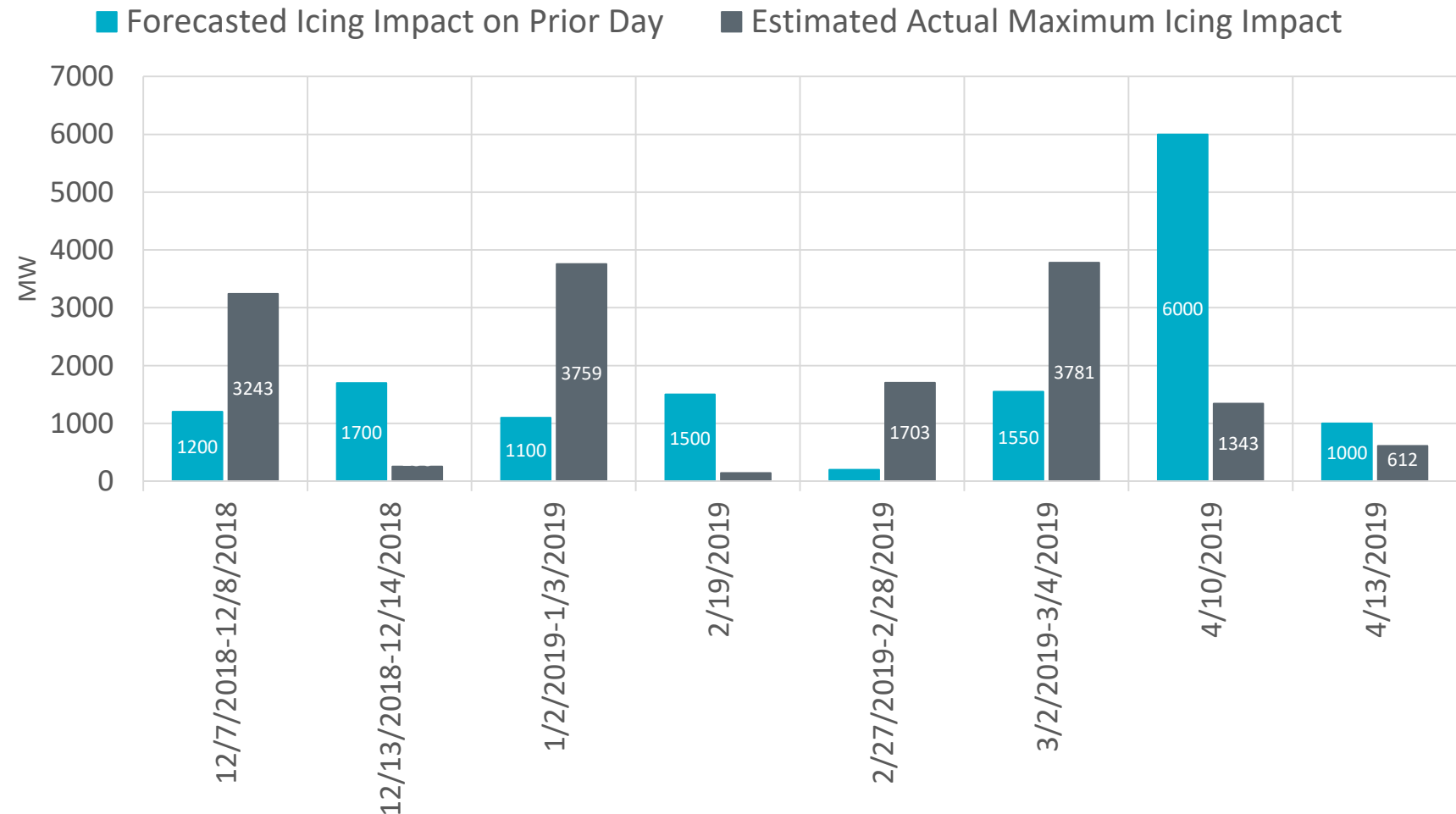
Recommendation 1 from the Report

The Team recommends a three-pronged approach to ensure Generator Owners/Generator Operators, Reliability Coordinators, and Balancing Authorities prepare for cold weather conditions:

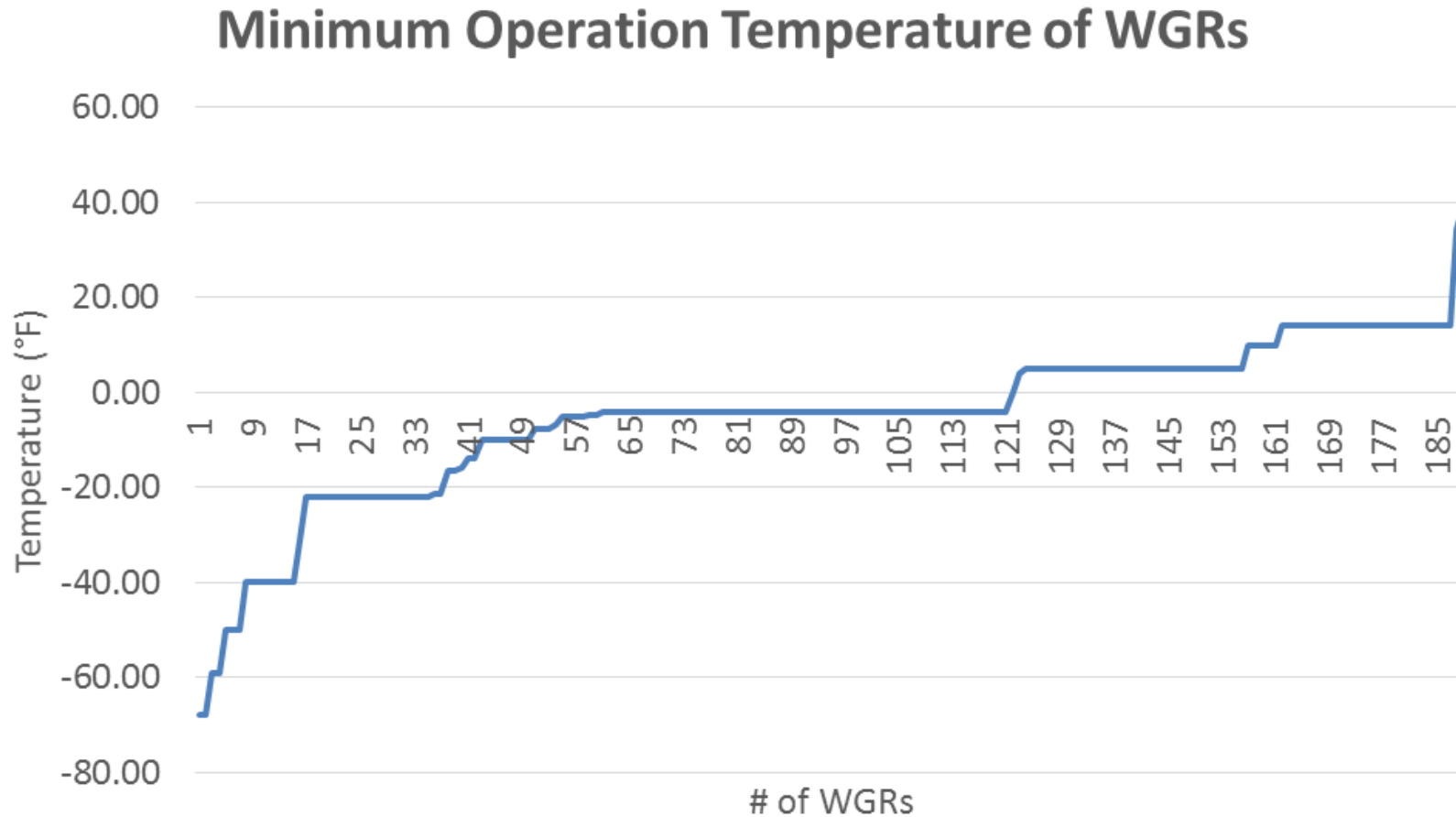
- 1) Development or enhancement of one or more NERC Reliability Standards**
- 2) Enhanced outreach to Generator Owners/Generator Operators**
- 3) Market (Independent System Operators/Regional Transmission Organizations) rules where appropriate**

ERCOT Wind Generation Icing Events in Winter 2018 - 2019

There were 8 distinct cold weather-related icing events wherein the estimated icing related wind generation impact varied from 140 MW to 3,700 MW. In all cases Icing Impact was forecasted in the days prior.



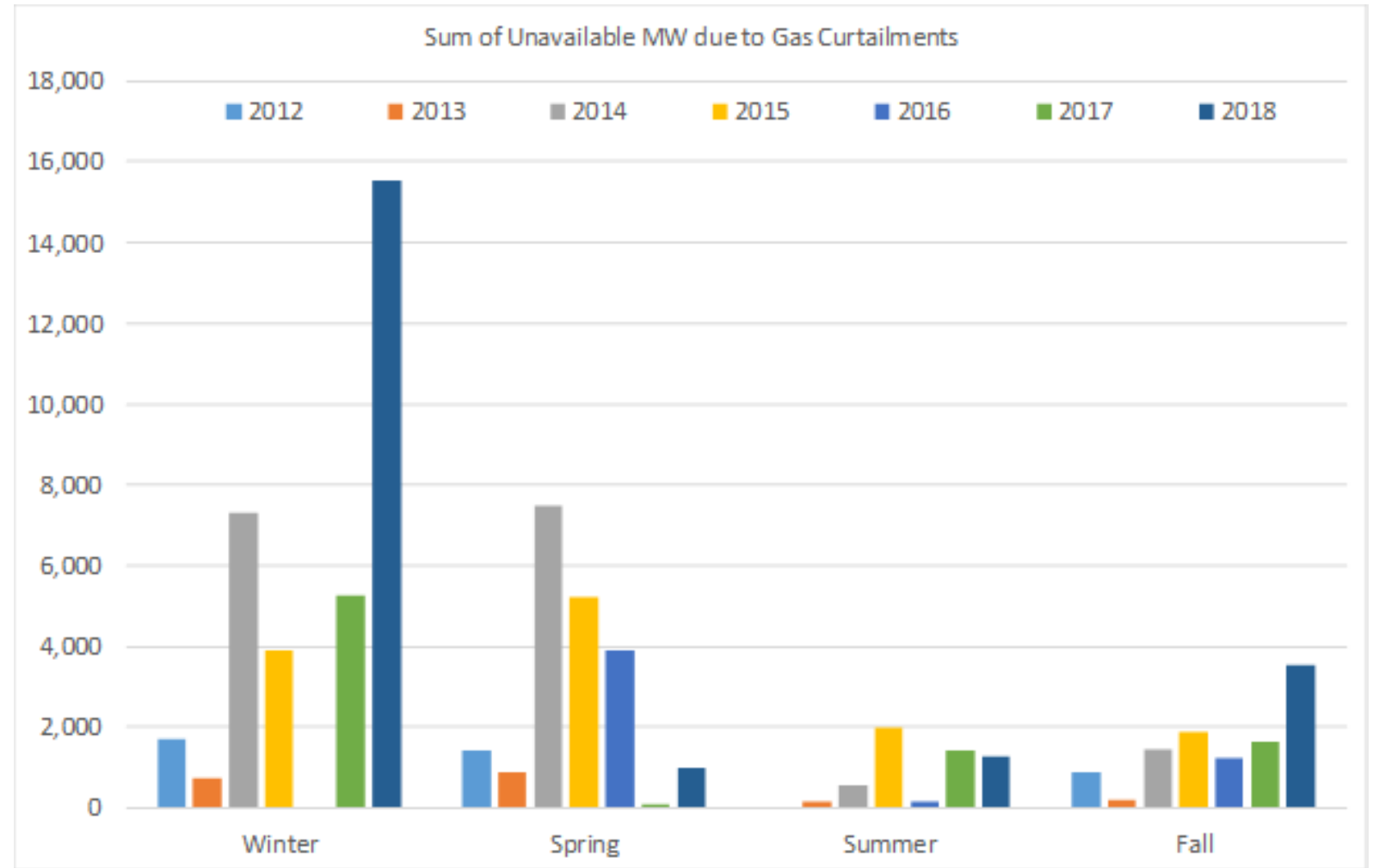
ERCOT Operation Limits of WGRs (as of early 2018)



Source: N. Mago, ERCOT

ERCOT Natural Gas Curtailments from GADS

- Significant increase in gas curtailments in 2018
- Continuing to monitor as resource mix changes to more gas generation



Questions?



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Appendix: Generation Sound Practices from the NERC/FERC Report

- 1) Southern Company (in the SeRC footprint), performed numerous generator fuel switches, using alternative fuel sources to help prevent a fuel supply emergency. Fuel-switching is especially important during cold weather. During extreme cold weather events, natural gas limitations can be predicted/expected to occur as residential and commercial gas heating needs compete with electric generation needs, and gas pipeline entities can be expected to limit pipeline use to sustain gas pressure throughout the cold weather demand.
- 2) **Continuous monitoring of heat tracing systems** complete with a display panel and indicator lights.
- 3) **Inspection of heat tracing circuits**, including power supplies, prior to winter.
- 4) Having regular, **periodic operational checks of heat tracing** circuits.
- 5) **Annual update of winter preparation checklist**, incorporating lessons learned from previous winter.
- 6) **Completion of freeze protection-related maintenance prior** to winter weather.
- 7) **Increased operator rounds/increased staffing** prior to, and during winter weather to check for proper operation of plant equipment susceptible to freezing conditions.
- 8) Addition of a “freeze protection operator,” during adverse weather who is responsible for inspecting critical equipment, and ensuring appropriate protection is in place.

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- 9) Firing of dual fuel units that have not fired on their secondary fuel source during the previous year, prior to a forecast cold weather event.
- 10) RTO or RC conducting a survey of GO/GOP to determine winter preparedness activities have been completed, and fuel switching testing has been performed.
- 11) Sharing lessons learned by GO/GOP from extreme events, including through the NERC Events Analysis lessons learned program, or through Regional processes.
- 12) Developing procedures and training for Generator Operators on when to call for fuel switchable resources.
- 13) Maintaining **inventory of pre-arranged supplies** and equipment for extreme weather events by Generator Owners and Operators.
- 14) Generator Owners and Operators conducting **readiness drills** on extreme weather preparation.
- 15) Generators connecting to multiple pipelines when possible to allow for obtaining gas supply during tight market conditions if one or more pipelines has operational issues or high utilization that forces cuts to interruptible supply.
- 16) Generators keeping close contact with natural gas pipeline companies during events to keep abreast of timely public postings of operational details such as operationally available capacity and unexpected outages, which allows generators to make more flexible and timely decisions.

Appendix: NERC Generator Winter Weather “Lessons Learned”

- LL20110902 Adequate Maintenance and Inspection of Generation Freeze Protection
- LL20110903 Gen. Unit Temperature Design Parameters & Extreme Winter Conditions
- LL20111001 Plant Instrument & Sensing Eqpt Freezing Due to Heat Trace/Insulation Failures
- LL20111002 Plant Fuel Switching and Cold Weather
- LL20120101 Plant Onsite Material and Personnel Needed for a Winter Weather Event
- LL20120102 Plant Operator Training to Prepare for a Winter Event
- LL20120103 Transmission Facilities and Winter Operations
- LL20120901 Wind Farm Winter Storm Issues
- LL20120902 Transformer Oil Level Issues During Cold Weather
- LL20120903 Winter Storm Inlet Air Duct Icing
- LL20120904 Capacity Awareness During an Energy Emergency Event
- LL20120905 Gas and Electricity Interdependency
- LL20140503 Improved Contractor Oversight Needed
- LL20180702 Preparing Circuit Breakers for Operation in Cold Weather

<https://www.nerc.com/pa/rrm/ea/Pages/Lessons-Learned.aspx>

<https://www.nerc.com/pa/rrm/ea/Pages/February-2011-Southwest-Cold-Weather-Event.aspx>

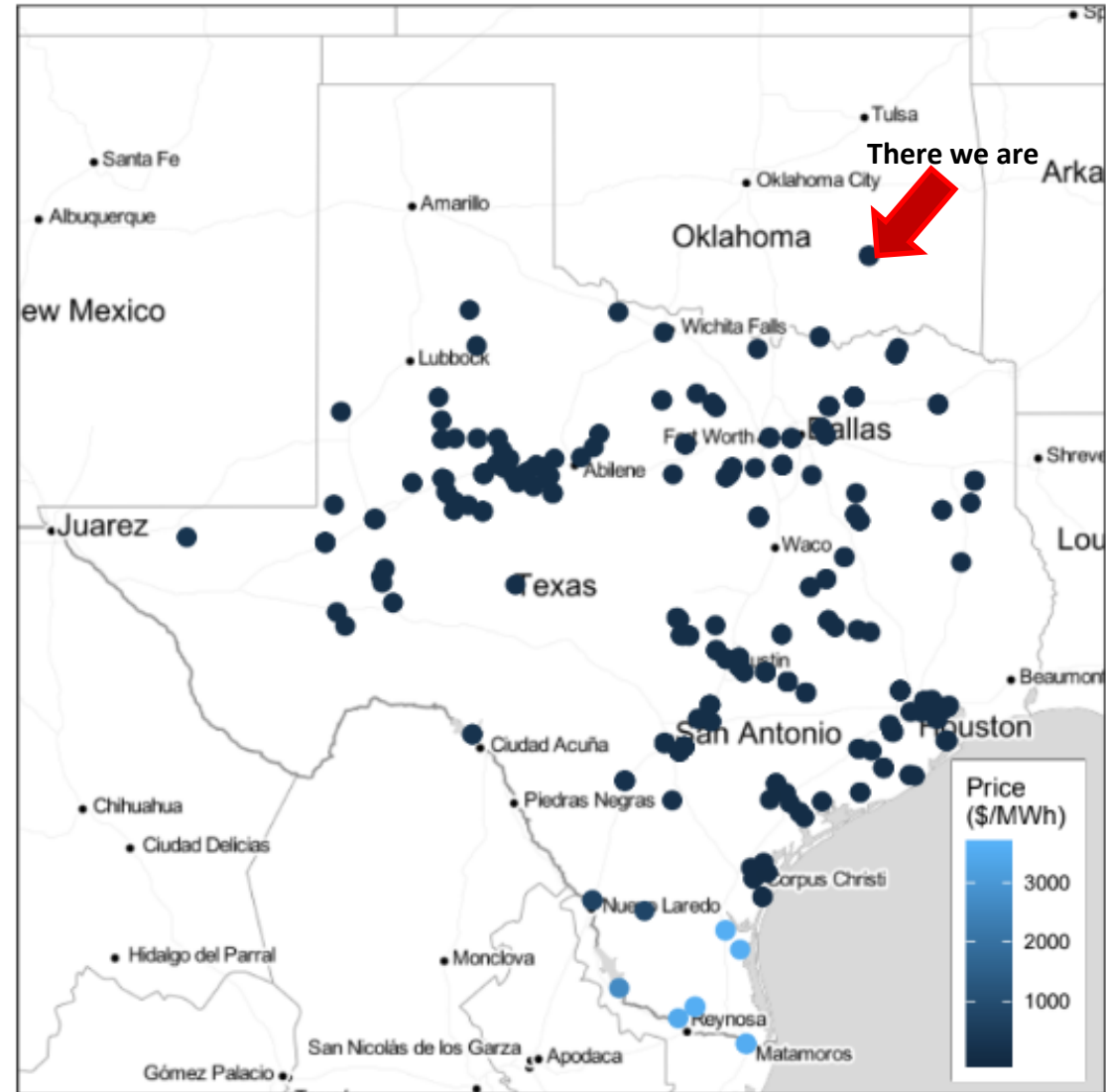
Winterization at Kiamichi



Patrick Jackson, Plant Engineer at Tenaska Kiamichi Generating Station

Agenda

- ▶ About the facility
- ▶ Previous problems
- ▶ Measures taken to correct previous problems
- ▶ Measures yet to be implemented



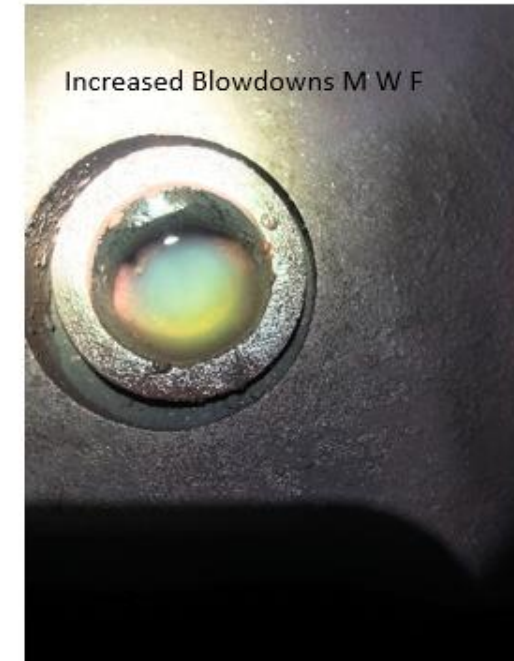
Tenaska Kiamichi Generating Station

- ▶ 1220 MW facility; two 2x1 setup 610 MW per block
- ▶ GE-7FA gas turbines; GE-D11 steam turbines
- ▶ Switchable generating resource (SPP & ERCOT)
- ▶ Commissioned in 2003
- ▶ Plant design rating for 20 degree weather*
- ▶ Located near Kiowa, OK

Notable Weather events

- ▶ 2016 – Unit trip in startup from forced drum level indicator – failed start and restart required.
- ▶ 2018 – HP Drum level indicator froze, manually selected one for repair 3,427 MWh loss.
- ▶ 2019 – bypass valve received false indication of high pressure in the HP drum. Unit tripped on low drum level. Blown fuse caused heat trace to fail.

Drum Level Indicator Corrections



Wind Break



Indicator Lights and Obrien boxes

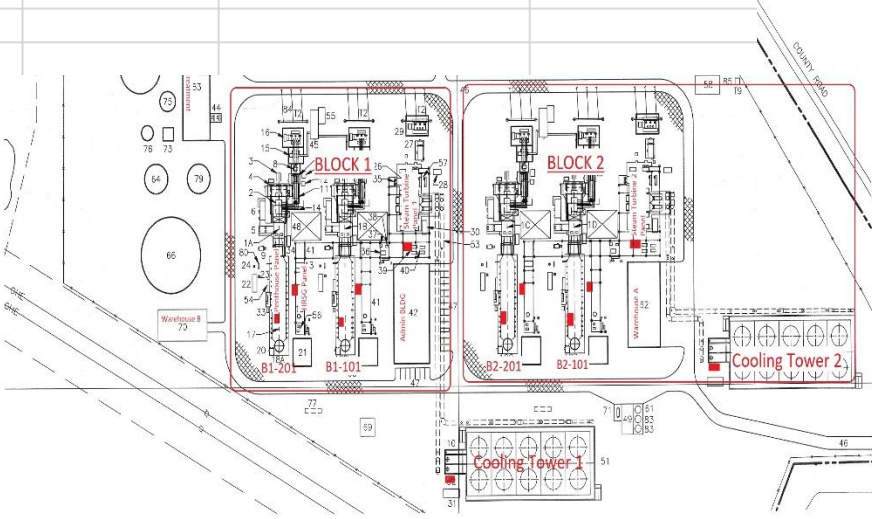


List of Critical Equipment

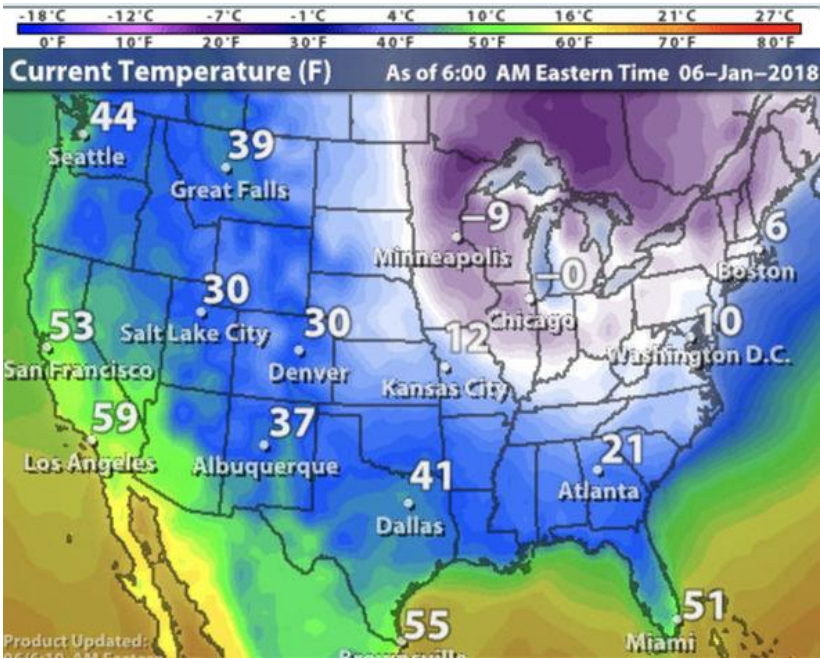
Unit 3 (AKA: 2-201)

Equipment	Description	Equipment	Panel	Breaker #	Circuit #	Drawing #
B2-201 Drum Level Transmitters	B2-201 HP Drum Level Transmitter	B2-SGA-LT-203A	2-201-P2	5	16-5	WILKI-8037-R2
	B2-201 HP Drum Level Transmitter	B2-SGA-LT-203B	2-201-P2	7	16-7	WILKI-8037-R2
	B2-201 HP Drum Level Transmitter	B2-SGA-LT-203C	2-201-P2	19	17-9	WILKI-8037-R2
	B2-201 IP Drum Level Transmitter	B2-SGA-LT-202A	2-201-P2	2, 5, 8, 9, 19	16-2, 16-5, 16-8, 16-9, 17-9	WILKI-8026-R2
	B2-201 IP Drum Level Transmitter	B2-SGA-LT-202B	2-201-P2	2, 5, 8, 9, 19	16-2, 16-5, 16-8, 16-9, 17-9	WILKI-8026-R2
	B2-201 IP Drum Level Transmitter	B2-SGA-LT-202C	2-201-P2	2, 5, 8, 9, 19	16-2, 16-5, 16-8, 16-9, 17-9	WILKI-8026-R2
	B2-201 LP Drum Level Transmitter	B2-SGA-LT-201A	2-201-P2	10	16-10	WILKI-8038-R2
	B2-201 LP Drum Level Transmitter	B2-SGA-LT-201B	2-201-P2	10	16-10	WILKI-8038-R2
B2 BFP 201 Suction Strainer Diff Pressure Transmitters	B2 BFP P-201A Suction Strainer Diff Pressure Transmitter	B2-SGA-LT-201C	2-201-P2	20	17-10	WILKI-8038-R2
	B2 BFP P-201B Suction Strainer Diff Pressure Transmitter	B2-FWA-PT-203				
B2-201 Deluge Shack Heater	B2-201 Deluge Shack Heater	B2-FWA-PT-204				
B2-201 Duct Burner Regulators	B2-201 Duct Burner Reg VLV E5 Actuator and Air Supply Heat Trace	FGA-ACV-E5	Deluge Panel			
	B2-201 Duct Burner REG VLVS Shack Heater	FGA				

HEAT TRACE PANEL U-201-P2 CIRCUIT SCHEDULE									
CIRCUIT	BRK. NO.	HEAT TRACING	TRACER	HEAT TRACER CABLE	CABLE	CABLE	MEASURED	TOTAL	
NO.	SIZE	NO.	NO.	NO.	VOL.	AMPS	AMPS	WATTS	
BKR-01	15A	WLK8032	WLK8043	M18C01	FP3123	FP3124	FP3127A	120	7.0
					FP3127B	FP3128	FP3129		840
					FP3130	FP3131	FP3133		
					FP3181				
BKR-02	15A	WLK8017	WLK8026	M18C02	FP3074	FP3075	FP3077	120	9.8
					FP3078	FP3079	FP3083		1152
BKR-03	20A	WLK8017		M18C03	FP3079	FP3080	FP3081	120	6.9
					FP3082				828
BKR-04	20A	WLK8031	WLK8039	M18C04	FP3120	FP3128*	FP3129*	120	16.2
		WLK8043			FP3129*	FP3130*	FP3180*		1944
					FP3183				
BKR-05	25A	WLK8018	WLK8026	M18C05	FP3128	FP3134	FP3234	120	19.2
		WLK8032			FP3235	FP3182*	FP3174*		2304
		WLK8041	WLK8042		FP3175*	FP3177*	FP3178		
					FP3237*	FP3201	FP3202		
BKR-06	20A	WLK8027	WLK8031	M18C06	FP3121	FP3184*	FP3204A	120	13.6
		WLK8049			FP3204B				1992
BKR-07	20A	WLK8037	WLK8040	M18C07	FP2241A	FP2241B	FP3184*	120	19.0
		WLK8063	WLK8065		FP3171*	FP3172*	FP3173*		2280
					FP3238*				
BKR-08	20A	WLK8018	WLK8026	M18C08	FP3112	FP3200	FP3205	120	6.5
		WLK8038							780
BKR-09	20A	WLK8063	WLK8026	M18C09	FP2240	FP2362B	FP2363B	120	17.1
					FP3114*				2052
BKR-10	20A	WLK8063	WLK8038	M18C10	FP2243	FP2244	FP3165*	120	9.6
									1152
BKR-11	15A			M17C01				120	
BKR-12	15A			M17C02				120	
BKR-13	20A			M17C03				120	
BKR-14	20A			M17C04				120	



Kiowa a Day Ahead for the Cold



	Kiowa, OK	Dallas, TX	Austin, TX
January 1, 2019	42° / 29°	45° / 36°	46° / 39°
February 8, 2019	32° / 19°	38° / 25°	39° / 33°

Actions Taken

- ▶ Initiated the inclusion of annual budget line item for winterization, heat trace installations / repairs, insulation additions / repairs and formal inspection program for all winterization items.
- ▶ Improved drum level indicators for improved reliability.
- ▶ Installed wind breaks in troublesome areas.
- ▶ Included manual checks for heat trace; turkey thermometers.
- ▶ Request QSE to schedule units to be on-line ahead of cold weather projections in Kiowa, OK. (Best practice)

Future Action Items Planned

- ▶ Update heat trace indicators to provide external light for visual indication of when circuits are off. This modification prevents a normal-off status from masking a loss of power to the heat tracing due to a circuit failure. Partially completed.
- ▶ Duct burners fail to read correctly sometimes because air/moisture gets caught in the sensing line.
- ▶ Heat trace panels alarm indicators to the DCS. Working towards this based on available economics.
- ▶ Modify installation methods for insulation to minimize damage to heat trace.

Questions?





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Deer Park Energy Center ERCOT Winter Prep 2019

Our mission is to guide employees in a team environment that allows us to work toward a shared goal of best in class operations. Through our stewardship we will strive to accomplish the goals set forth by management while adhering to the highest principles in our industry.

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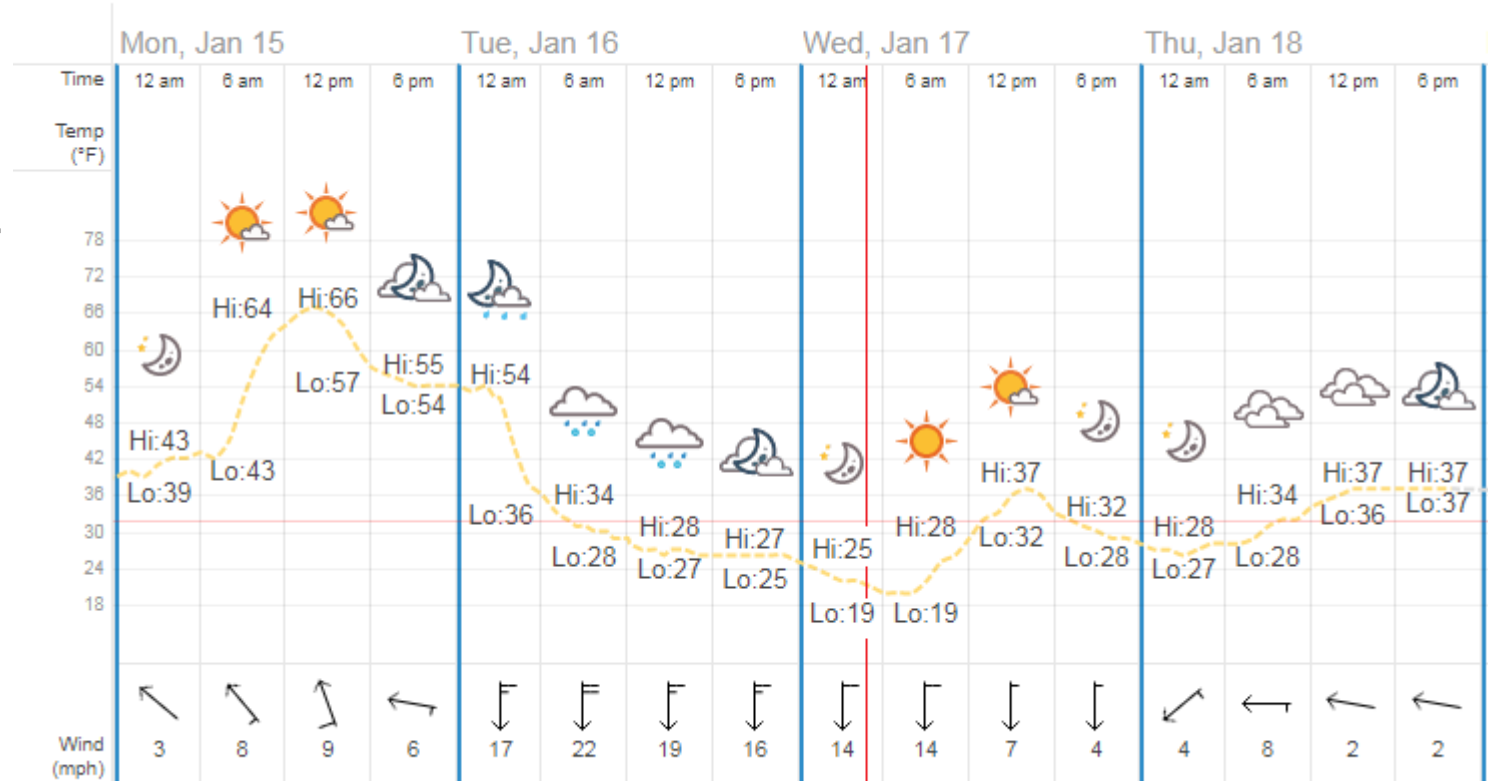
DEER PARK ENERGY CENTER

Location:	Deer Park, TX
Commercial Operation Date:	June 2003
Calpine Net Interest Baseload (MW):	1103 megawatts
Calpine Net Interest With Peaking (MW):	1204 megawatts
Ownership:	Calpine 100%
Technology:	Natural gas-fired, combined-cycle cogeneration
Turbines:	Siemens Westinghouse combustion and Toshiba steam
NERC Region:	Texas RE

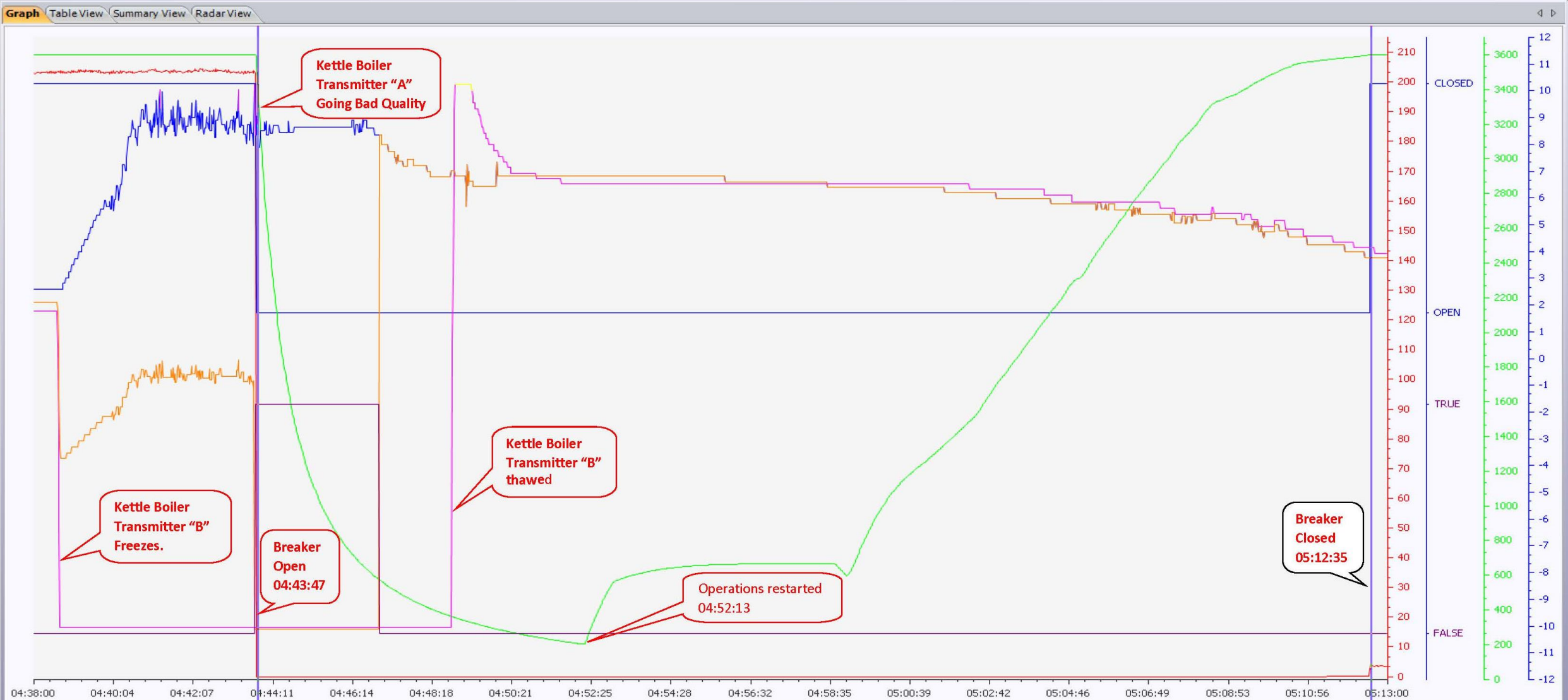
January 17th 2018 Plant Conditions

- Ambient temperature 24 degrees F and decreasing
- Below freezing temperatures sustained for 20+ hours
- Slight wind from the North at 14mph
- Plant Design Temp of 20 degrees F (dry Bulb) 18 degrees F (wet bulb)
- All 5 units were online and base loaded
- Winter Rounds and Readings were in effect
- Winter system checkouts had already been completed for the season

January 2018 Weather in Deer Park — Graph



Cursor-lines Information: 01/17/2018 04:43:47.550										01/17/2018 05:12:35.850		0:28:48.3			
1		(A) 1-LOAD-SELECT.UNIT1@OVATION	Auto Historian	Actual	LOAD SELECT	3.4	MW		-1	215	0.0	3.7	3.7		
2		(A) 1-GEN-BRKR-CLOSED.UNIT1@OVATION	Auto Historian	Actual	GEN BREAKER CLOSED	CLOSED 1			OPEN	CLOSED	OPEN 0	CLOSED 1	1.000		
3		(A) 1-SPD-SELECT.UNIT1@OVATION	Auto Historian	Actual	SELECTED SPEED	3600.6	RPM		-1	3700	3395.5	3600.6	205.1		
4		(A) 01CNS-LT1073A.UNIT1@OVATION	Auto Historian	Actual	LP FW TO KETTLE BOILER LVL-A	3.78	INCH		-12	12	8.31	3.78	-4.53		
5		(A) 01CNS-LT1073B.UNIT1@OVATION	Auto Historian	Actual	LP FW TO KETTLE BOILER LVL-B	3.91	INCH		-12	12	-10.04	4.15	14.18		
6		(A) 01CNS-LT1073S-SEL.UNIT1@OVATION	Auto Historian	Actual	H1 LP FW TO KTL BLR LVL SEL	3.776	INCH		-12	12	-10.123	3.776	13.899		
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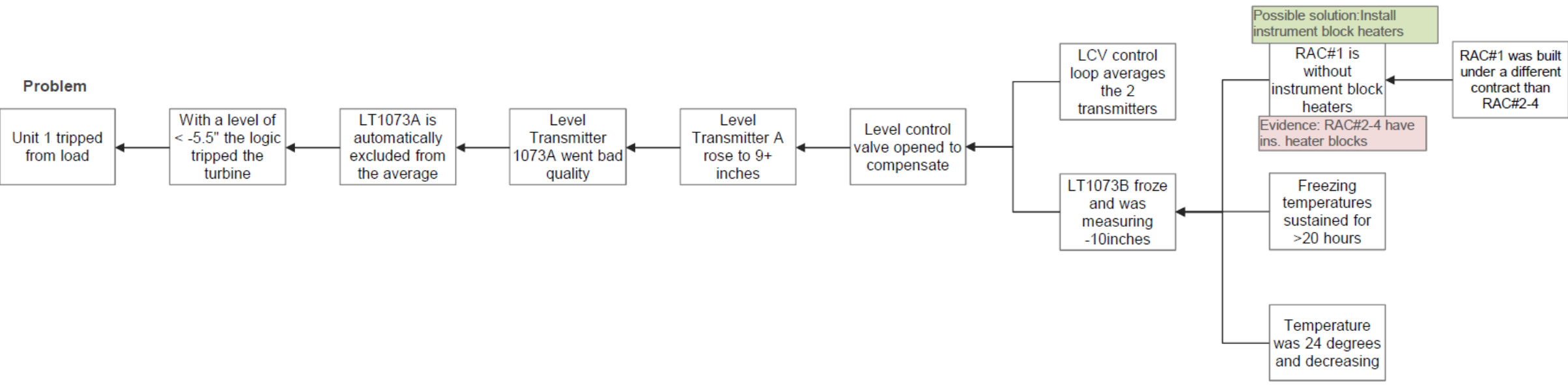
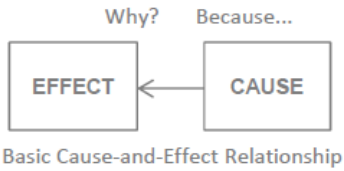


Unit 1 Trip Root Cause Analysis

Unit 1 trip from load due to 01-CNS-LT-1073B freezing

Step 2. Analysis

Cause Map



Unit 1 Trip Follow-up Actions



DPEC Winter Prep Procedure Highlights

- Pre-Winter Season Checklists

- Verify operation of portable heaters (liquid fuel and electric)
- Verify operation and current draw of heat trace circuits
- Install temporary wind breaks and “hooches”.
- Instrument enclosure checkouts.
- Rotor Air Cooler heater block checkout (added to critical component list after Unit 1 trip event).
- Verify that critical component measures to prevent freezing has been completed
- Stores and winter inventory check sheet.
- Provide training refresher on winter procedures to staff.

DPEC Winter Prep Procedure Highlights

- Cold Weather Readiness Procedure

- Activated during the winter cold weather season.
- Activities pick up once temperatures are 35 degrees decreasing and predicted to go below 32 degrees (Plant enters “**Cold Weather Operations**” conditions).
 - Verify all heaters operating and on.
 - Walk down all exposed equipment focusing on instrumentation.
 - Verify chemical inventories are sufficient.
 - Verify fuel supplies are sufficient.
 - Verify sufficient food, blankets, cots, drinking water, etc... is available at the plant should roads become impassable due to inclement weather.
 - Suspend all discretionary maintenance that could affect plant availability.
 - Verify all susceptible Out-Of-Service equipment drained or protected.
 - Verify all susceptible In-Service equipment is protected.
 - CT Inlet Air Fogging System drained and dried.

DPEC Winter Prep Procedure Highlights

- Cold Weather Operations Rounds and Readings
 - Daily Checks
 - Temporary windbreaks and hooches inspections
 - Every 4 hours
 - Instrument enclosure inspections
 - Buildings and Permanent shelter inspections
 - Every Hour
 - Freeze Protection Panel inspections



2018/2019 Winter Improvements

- Insulation Survey
 - Identified and remedied deficient HT insulation



2018/2019 Winter Improvements

- Converting scaffold windbreaks over to rolling curtain style windbreaks



2018/2019 Winter Improvements

- Heat Trace Panel Survey
 - Troubleshoot 100% of the faulty circuits
 - Eliminated unhealthy circuits
 - Made temporary corrections to critical unhealthy circuits
 - Created WO to follow up after temporary repairs had been made



2018/2019 Winter Improvements

- Heat Trace Panel Survey Troubleshooting Process
 - Measure Current through the heat trace.
 - If current is near zero, lift wires and measure resistance to ground and resistance across the HT bus bars.
 - If a short or a ground was discovered, we removed that portion of that circuit from the overall circuit.
 - We also identified the circuit on the associated drawing with notes regarding troubleshooting efforts and discoveries.
 - We then created a corrective maintenance work order to track the repair of circuit that was removed.

Break

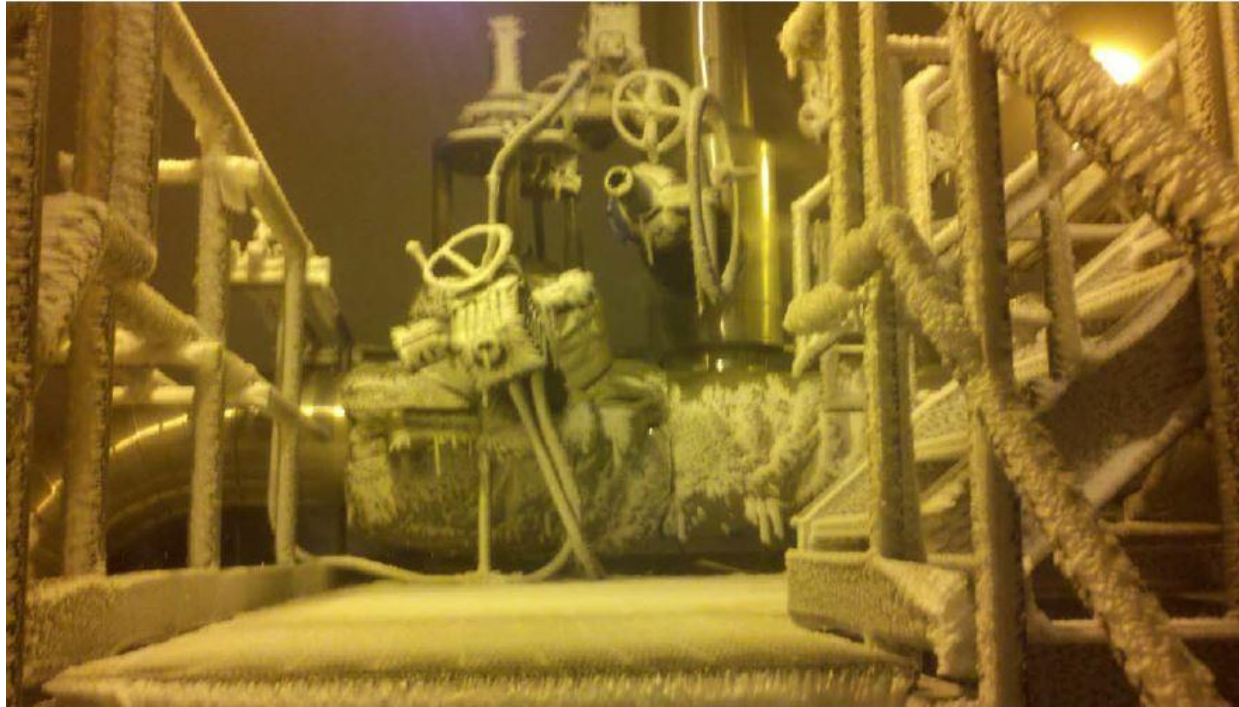
Winter Readiness Improvements & Lessons Learned

Lamar Power Plant



Luminant

February 2011



February 8, 2011

- On February 8th 2011 after being in planned outage for 4 days ERCOT requested that we bring the plant back out of outage.
- It took 3 days to bring block 1 back out of outage. Not because maintenance or equipment reassembly. It took 3 days to thaw equipment so the plant could be started
- It took a large amount of propane bottles, weed burners, bullet heaters, heat lamps, portable heat trace, and miles of extension cords.
- But, there was a cost:



Lamar Block 2 Trip on January 6, 2014

- At 0900 on January 5, 2014 the ambient temperature dropped below freezing and the overnight low reached 14 degrees.
- 15 – 20 mph winds combined with low overnight temperature resulted in a trip of block 2 steam turbine due to loss of condenser vacuum.
- The trip was due to the steam seal pressure transmitter freezing and therefore providing false feedback to the steam seal pressure control valve.
- The trip resulted in a 550 MW loss for 4 hours, 5 minutes.
- At the time of the event Lamar Power Plant was not owned by Luminant.
- The total cost of the event due to loss generation was \$2.2M.
- The root cause was contractor error when installing heat trace on the transmitter sensing line.

Proactive vs. Reactive

Discussion Topic: What proactive measures could have been taken to prevent this?



Access to equipment after the fact can be very difficult.

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RELIABILITY | ACCOUNTABILITY

We were excited to be able to help NERC out with their “Cold Weather Presentation”...

Condition Variables

Frozen Valves:
Inspect and maintain thermal insulation on all units.



Removal of insulating blanket in summer, failure to reinstall for winter.

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RELIABILITY | ACCOUNTABILITY

It was time to develop a more robust winter readiness plan & improve the plant's winter reliability.

Equipment Upgrades For Reliability & Equipment Monitoring



PT NAME	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	PT NAME	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
21EHK01-CURNT-GND	LT1420A HEAT TRACE GND CURRENT	0.0 mA	21EHK02-ALARMS	LT1420B HEAT TRACE ALARM WORD	00000000000000
21EHK01-CURNT-GRSP	LT1420A HEAT TRACE GND CURR SP	20.0 mA	21EHK02-ENAB	LT1420B HEAT TRACE ENABLE WORD	1100100000000001
21EHK01-CURNT-HISP	LT1420A HEAT TRACE HI CURRNT SP	6.0 AMPS	21EHK02-ON	LT1420B HEAT TRACE CKT ON	0000000000000000
21EHK01-CURNT-HTR	LT1420A HEAT TRACE CKT CURRENT	0.0 AMPS	21EHK02-ALM	LT1420B HEAT TRACE CKT ALARM	FALSE
21EHK01-CURNT-LOSP	LT1420A HEAT TRACE LO CURRNT SP	0.0 AMPS	21EHK02-ALM-FLT	LT1420B HEAT TRACE CKT FAULT	FALSE
21EHK01-TEMP-BAND	LT1420A HEAT TRACE TEMP BAND	5.0 DEGF	21EHK02-ALM-GDCURNT	LT1420B HEAT TRACE GND CURRENT	FALSE
21EHK01-TEMP-HIGHEST	LT1420A HEAT TRACE HIGHEST TEMP	163.2 DEGF	21EHK02-ALM-HICURNT	LT1420B HEAT TRACE HI CURRENT	FALSE
21EHK01-TEMP-HISP	LT1420A HEAT TRACE HI TEMP SP	165.0 DEGF	21EHK02-ALM-LOCURNT	LT1420B HEAT TRACE LOW CURRENT	FALSE
21EHK01-TEMP-LOSP	LT1420A HEAT TRACE LOW TEMP SP	32.0 DEGF	21EHK02-ALM-HITEMP	LT1420B HEAT TRACE HI TEMP	FALSE
21EHK01-TEMP-LOWEST	LT1420A HEAT TRACE LOWEST TEMP	38.4 DEGF	21EHK02-ALM-LOTEMP	LT1420B HEAT TRACE LOW TEMP	FALSE
21EHK01-TEMP-RTD1	LT1420A HEAT TRACE CKT TEMP	104.6 DEGF	21EHK02-ALM-PWR	LT1420B HEAT TRACE POWER OFF	FALSE
21EHK01-TEMP-SP	LT1420A HEAT TRACE TEMP SP	99.0 DEGF	21EHK02-ALM-RTD	LT1420B HEAT TRACE RTD FAULT	FALSE
21EHK01-ALARMS	LT1420A HEAT TRACE ALARM WORD	0000000000000000	21EHK03-CURNT-GND	LT1420C HEAT TRACE GND CURRENT	0.0 mA
21EHK01-ENAB	LT1420A HEAT TRACE ENABLE WORD	1100100000000001	21EHK03-CURNT-GRSP	LT1420C HEAT TRACE GND CURR SP	20.0 mA
21EHK01-ON	LT1420A HEAT TRACE CKT ON	0000000000000000	21EHK03-CURNT-HISP	LT1420C HEAT TRACE HI CURRNT SP	6.0 AMPS
21EHK01-ALM	LT1420A HEAT TRACE CKT ALARM	FALSE	21EHK03-CURNT-LOSP	LT1420C HEAT TRACE LO CURRNT SP	0.0 AMPS
21EHK01-ALM-FLT	LT1420A HEAT TRACE CKT FAULT	FALSE	21EHK03-TEMP-BAND	LT1420C HEAT TRACE TEMP BAND	5.0 DEGF
21EHK01-ALM-GDCURNT	LT1420A HEAT TRACE GND CURRENT	FALSE	21EHK03-TEMP-HIGHEST	LT1420C HEAT TRACE HIGHEST TEMP	178.4 DEGF
21EHK01-ALM-HICURNT	LT1420A HEAT TRACE HI CURRENT	FALSE	21EHK03-TEMP-HISP	LT1420C HEAT TRACE HI TEMP SP	165.0 DEGF
21EHK01-ALM-LOCURNT	LT1420A HEAT TRACE LOW CURRENT	FALSE	21EHK03-TEMP-LOSP	LT1420C HEAT TRACE LOW TEMP SP	32.0 DEGF
21EHK01-ALM-HITEMP	LT1420A HEAT TRACE HI TEMP	FALSE	21EHK03-TEMP-LOWEST	LT1420C HEAT TRACE LOWEST TEMP	38.9 DEGF
21EHK01-ALM-LOTEMP	LT1420A HEAT TRACE LOW TEMP	FALSE	21EHK03-TEMP-RTD1	LT1420C HEAT TRACE CKT TEMP	100.0 DEGF
21EHK01-ALM-PWR	LT1420A HEAT TRACE POWER OFF	FALSE	21EHK03-TEMP-SP	LT1420C HEAT TRACE TEMP SP	99.0 DEGF
21EHK01-ALM-RTD	LT1420A HEAT TRACE RTD FAULT	FALSE	21EHK03-ALARMS	LT1420C HEAT TRACE ALARM WORD	0000000000000000
21EHK02-CURNT-GND	LT1420B HEAT TRACE GND CURRENT	0.0 mA	21EHK03-ENAB	LT1420C HEAT TRACE ENABLE WORD	1100100000000001
21EHK02-CURNT-GRSP	LT1420B HEAT TRACE GND CURR SP	20.0 mA	21EHK03-ON	LT1420C HEAT TRACE CKT ON	0000000000000000
21EHK02-CURNT-HISP	LT1420B HEAT TRACE HI CURRNT SP	6.0 AMPS	21EHK03-ALM	LT1420C HEAT TRACE CKT ALARM	FALSE
21EHK02-CURNT-HTR	LT1420B HEAT TRACE CKT CURRENT	0.0 AMPS	21EHK03-ALM-FLT	LT1420C HEAT TRACE CKT FAULT	FALSE
21EHK02-CURNT-LOSP	LT1420B HEAT TRACE LO CURRNT SP	0.0 AMPS	21EHK03-ALM-GDCURNT	LT1420C HEAT TRACE GND CURRENT	FALSE
21EHK02-TEMP-BAND	LT1420B HEAT TRACE TEMP BAND	5.0 DEGF	21EHK03-ALM-HICURNT	LT1420C HEAT TRACE HI CURRENT	FALSE
21EHK02-TEMP-HIGHEST	LT1420B HEAT TRACE HIGHEST TEMP	171.2 DEGF	21EHK03-ALM-LOCURNT	LT1420C HEAT TRACE LOW CURRENT	FALSE
21EHK02-TEMP-HISP	LT1420B HEAT TRACE HI TEMP SP	165.0 DEGF	21EHK03-ALM-HITEMP	LT1420C HEAT TRACE HI TEMP	FALSE
21EHK02-TEMP-LOSP	LT1420B HEAT TRACE LOW TEMP SP	32.0 DEGF	21EHK03-ALM-LOTEMP	LT1420C HEAT TRACE LOW TEMP	FALSE
21EHK02-TEMP-LOWEST	LT1420B HEAT TRACE LOWEST TEMP	34.2 DEGF	21EHK03-ALM-PWR	LT1420C HEAT TRACE POWER OFF	FALSE
21EHK02-TEMP-RTD1	LT1420B HEAT TRACE CKT TEMP	103.8 DEGF	21EHK03-ALM-RTD	LT1420C HEAT TRACE RTD FAULT	FALSE
21EHK02-TEMP-SP	LT1420B HEAT TRACE TEMP SP	99.0 DEGF			

Thermon heat trace control panels were installed on the top of each HRSG. These panels provide heat trace control and circuit monitoring for all critical equipment. The system is monitored through Ovation DCS by the control room operator. Alarms are generated for faulty circuits and low temperature circuits.

Equipment Upgrades For Reliability & Equipment Monitoring

A screenshot of the Ovation DCS Graphics interface. The window title is "Graphics - BLE 1 Transmitter Temps - C:\Ovation\intl\graphics\diagrams\3190.dwg". The interface shows a navigation bar with tabs for UNIT 1 OVERVIEW, CW/BOB, STEAM, BTG, TRASH 1 FUEL GAS, TRASH 2 FUEL GAS, ELECTRICAL, and COMBON. The main display area is titled "UNIT 1 TRAIN 1 - TRANSMITTER TEMPERATURES" and "UNIT 1 TRAIN 2 - TRANSMITTER TEMPERATURES". It contains two tables of data, each with columns for PT NAME, DESCRIPTION, and VALUE. The tables list various temperature points and their current values in degrees Fahrenheit (DEGF).

PT NAME	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1HRFI1401T	11 HRSG RH SPRAY FLW XMTR TEMP	90 DEGF
1HRFI1402T	11 HP STM TO STG FLW XMTR TEMP	0 DEGF
1HRFI1420T	11 FW TO HP DRUM XMTR TEMP	83 DEGF
1HRFI1441T	11 LP SH TO LP STG XMTR TEMP	0 DEGF
1HRFI1460T	11 FW TO IP DRUM XMTR TEMP	84 DEGF
1HRPI1403T	11 RH SPRAY PRESS XMTR TEMP	87 DEGF
1HRPI1404T	11 HRSG PRESS XMTR TEMP	108 DEGF
1HRPI1443T	11 LP STM TO LP STG XMTR TEMP	97 DEGF
1HRPI1500T	11 DUCT INLET PRESS XMTR TEMP	97 DEGF
1HRFI1480T	11 FW FLO TO LP DRUM XMTR TEMP	86 DEGF
1HRPI1484T	11 LP BFW PRESSURE XMTR TEMP	90 DEGF
1HRLT1460AT	11 HRSG IP DRUM LVL XMTR TEMP	101 DEGF
1HRLT1420AT	11 HP DRUM LVL A XMTR TEMP	104 DEGF
1HRLT1480AT	11 LP DRUM LVL A XMTR TEMP	96 DEGF
1HRPI1420AT	11 HP DRUM PRESS A XMTR TEMP	103 DEGF
1HRPI1400T	11 HP SPRAY FLW D/P XMTR TEMP	198 DEGF
1HRFI1440T	11 IP STM TO RH XMTR TEMP	175 DEGF
1HRPI1400T	11 HP SH SPRAY PRESS XMTR TEMP	90 DEGF
1HRPI1402T	11 HP SH STM PRESS XMTR TEMP	100 DEGF
1HRLT1420BT	11 HP DRUM LEVEL B XMTR TEMP	101 DEGF
1HRLT1460BT	11 IP DRUM LEVEL B XMTR TEMP	94 DEGF
1HRLT1480BT	11 LP DRUM LEVEL B XMTR TEMP	94 DEGF
1HRPI1420BT	11 HP PRESSURE B XMTR TEMP	107 DEGF
1HRPI1407T	11 IP COLD RH PRESS XMTR TEMP	210 DEGF
1HRPI1410T	11 HRSG COLD RH PRES XMTR TEMP	95 DEGF
1HRPI1445T	11 HRSG IP STM TO RH XMTR TEMP	86 DEGF
1HRPI1460AT	11 IP DRUM PRESS A XMTR TEMP	107 DEGF
1HRLT1420CT	11 HP DRUM LVL C XMTR TEMP	92 DEGF
1HRLT1460CT	11 IP DRUM LEVEL C XMTR TEMP	90 DEGF
1HRLT1480CT	11 LP DRUM LEVEL C XMTR TEMP	86 DEGF
1HRPI1417T	11 HOT REHEAT PRES XMTR TEMP	96 DEGF
1HRPI1460BT	11 LP DRUM PRESS B XMTR TEMP	104 DEGF
1HRPI1480T	11 LP DRM PRESS XMTR TEMP	102 DEGF
1FWPI1750T	11 BFW PMP LP IN DP XMTR TEMP	85 DEGF
1FWPI1750T	11 BFP MTR FLOW BP XMTR TEMP	86 DEGF
1FWPI1756T	11 BFP HP OUT PRESS XMTR TEMP	86 DEGF
1FWPI1751T	11 BFP IP OUT PRESS XMTR TEMP	89 DEGF
1FWPI1751T	11 BFP TO HP BVP ATP XMTR TEMP	87 DEGF
1FWPI1751T	11 BFP TO HP BVP ATP XMTR TEMP	87 DEGF
1FWPI1751T	11 BFP TO HP BVP ATP XMTR TEMP	87 DEGF
1FWPI2708T	12 BFP SUCTION PRESS XMTR TEMP	89 DEGF
1HRFI1418T	11 HRH ATTEMP FLOW XMTR TEMP	92 DEGF

PT NAME	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1HRFI12401T	12 RH SPRAY FLOW XMTR TEMP	87 DEGF
1HRFI12402T	12 HP STM TO STG FLW XMTR TEMP	0 DEGF
1HRFI12420T	12 FW TO HP DRUM XMTR TEMP	86 DEGF
1HRFI12441T	12 LP SH TO LP STG XMTR TEMP	0 DEGF
1HRFI12460T	12 FW TO IP DRUM XMTR TEMP	85 DEGF
1HRPI12403T	12 RH SPRAY PRESS XMTR TEMP	56 DEGF
1HRPI12404T	12 HRSG HRH PRESS XMTR TEMP	103 DEGF
1HRPI12443T	12 LP SH TO LP STG XMTR TEMP	98 DEGF
1HRPI12500T	12 DUCT INLET PRESS XMTR TEMP	97 DEGF
1HRFI12480T	12 FW TO LP DRUM XMTR TEMP	85 DEGF
1HRPI12484T	12 LP DRM BFW PRESS XMTR TEMP	91 DEGF
1HRLT12460AT	12 IP DRUM LVL A XMTR TEMP	97 DEGF
1HRLT12420AT	12 HP DRUM LVL A XMTR TEMP	106 DEGF
1HRLT12480AT	12 LP DRUM LVL A XMTR TEMP	95 DEGF
1HRPI12420AT	12 HP DRUM PRESS A XMTR TEMP	119 DEGF
1HRPI12400T	12 HP SPRAY FLW D/P XMTR TEMP	94 DEGF
1HRFI12440T	12 IP SH TO RH XMTR TEMP	0 DEGF
1HRPI12400T	12 HP SH STM PRESS XMTR TEMP	92 DEGF
1HRPI12402T	12 SH STM PRESS XMTR TEMP	87 DEGF
1HRLT12420BT	12 HP DRUM LVL XMTR TEMP	104 DEGF
1HRLT12460BT	12 IP DRUM LVL B XMTR TEMP	93 DEGF
1HRLT12480BT	12 LP DRUM LVL B XMTR TEMP	93 DEGF
1HRPI12420BT	12 HP DRUM PRESS B XMTR TEMP	122 DEGF
1HRPI12407T	12 IP CRH PRESS XMTR TEMP	100 DEGF
1HRPI12410T	12 HRSG CRH PRESS XMTR TEMP	96 DEGF
1HRPI12445T	12 IP SH TO RH XMTR TEMP	90 DEGF
1HRPI12460AT	12 IP DRUM PRESS A XMTR TEMP	115 DEGF
1HRLT12420CT	12 HP DRUM LVL C XMTR TEMP	92 DEGF
1HRLT12460CT	12 IP DRUM LVL C XMTR TEMP	83 DEGF
1HRLT12480CT	12 LP DRUM LVL C XMTR TEMP	92 DEGF
1HRPI12417T	12 HRH PRESS XMTR TEMP	99 DEGF
1HRPI12460BT	12 IP DRUM PRESS B XMTR TEMP	102 DEGF
1HRPI12480T	12 LP DRM PRESS XMTR TEMP	101 DEGF
1FWPI12750T	12 BFP LP IN DP XMTR TEMP	86 DEGF
1FWPI12750T	12 BFP MTR FLOW BP XMTR TEMP	87 DEGF
1FGFI12801T	12 CND FM FG HEATER XMTR TEMP	89 DEGF
1FWPI12756T	12 BFP HP OUT PRESS XMTR TEMP	87 DEGF
1FWPI12751T	12 BFP IP OUT PRESS XMTR TEMP	90 DEGF
1FWPI12751T	12 BFP TO HP BVP ATP XMTR TEMP	87 DEGF
1FWPI12751T	12 BFP TO HP BVP ATP XMTR TEMP	87 DEGF
1FWPI12708T	12 BFP SUCTION PRESS XMTR TEMP	89 DEGF
1HRFI12418T	12 HRH ATTEMP FLOW XMTR TEMP	91 DEGF

All Ovation DCS analog input cards were upgraded to the Hart protocol analog input cards. The new analog input cards enable the temperature monitoring function for all Rosemount transmitters. During cold weather, transmitter temperatures are monitored by the control room operator and alarms are generated in the event of a low transmitter temperature.

Equipment Upgrades For Reliability & Equipment Monitoring



Exposed transmitters were installed in a heated enclosure with tube-trace for the sensing line.

Heat Trace Audit



BRACE Industrial Group

Luminant

6/25/2018

Lamar 2018 Heat Trace Audit - Circuit Breaker Status Report





Panel Number	Breaker Number	Amps As Found	Amps As Left	Ohms As Found	Ohms As Left	Megohms As Found	Megohms As Left	Voltage	Comments
21 - Top	#12	0	0	351	351	1,146.00	1,146.00	120	
21 - Top	#13	0	0	0.95	0.98	0.15	0	120	Brace # 3184
21 - Top	#14	0	0	458	458	858	858	120	
21 - Top	#15	0	0	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.2	0.2	120	Brace # 3601 Mill line left taped in fitting, filled with water
21 - Top	#16	0.5	0.5	170.2	170.1	170.1	88	120	water filled conduit, needs 2-1" covers. Taped line cleared
21 - Top	#17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Spare
21 - Top	#18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Spare
22 - Top	#01	0.5	0.5	148.9	148.9	226	226	120	
22 - Top	#02	0.5	0.5	146.4	146.4	676	676	120	
22 - Top	#03	1.7	1.7	62.7	62.7	665	665	120	
22 - Top	#04	0.5	0.5	149.2	149.2	702	702	120	
22 - Top	#05	1	1	93.7	93.7	524	524	120	
22 - Top	#06	1	1	97.9	97.9	563	563	120	
22 - Top	#07	1	1	92.3	92.3	86.5	86.5	120	
22 - Top	#08	1	1	93.8	93.8	1,013.00	1,013.00	120	
22 - Top	#09	0.8	0.8	101.9	101.9	584	584	120	
22 - Top	#10	0.5	0.5	138	138	1,378.00	1,378.00	120	
22 - Top	#11	0.4	0.4	199.2	199.2	946	946	120	
22 - Top	#12	0	0	831	831	28.4	28.4	120	
22 - Top	#13	0	0	750	758	0	0	120	Brace # 0559
22 - Top	#14	0.1	0.1	447	447	1,188.00	1,188.00	120	
22 - Top	#15	0.8	0.8	106.1	106.1	3,000.00	3,000.00	120	
22 - Top	#16	1	1	94.2	94.2	2,900.00	2,900.00	120	
22 - Top	#17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Spare
HT - 12	#01	1.1	1.1	92.3	92.3	1,468.00	1,468.00	120	
HT - 12	#02	1.8	1.8	55.2	55.2	36.2	36.2	120	

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Winter readiness begins in August. A contractor is brought to conduct a full plant heat trace audit. 4 people usually take about 5-7 days to complete the audit. A full report is provided to the plant documenting the condition of each heat trace circuit as well as the corresponding control panel.

Heat Trace Audit

BRACE INDUSTRIAL GROUP **Luminant**
Line Status Report

Facility Name	Report Id	Report Date	Panel Number	Breaker Number	Line Number	Dts Tag Number	Line Ohms	Line Megohms	Line Failed	Insulation Failed	Comments
 											
<p>Line 21-1420-10/DTS#3398</p> <p>Line 21-1420-10/DTS#3398</p>											
Lamar	949	2018-06-12 00:00:00	21 - Top	#13	21-1460-13	3384	0.964	0.5	Yes	No	15' Tubing Bundle failed. Traces Transmitter 2HRPT-1460B. Located on the top of Unit 21 catwalk above IP Drum. Recommend replace with comparable 15' O'Brien Tubing Bundle rated at 5 W/FT - 120V
 											
<p>Line 21-1460-13/DTS#3384</p> <p>Line 21-1460-13/DTS#3384</p>											

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Lamar 2018 Heat Trace Audit - Failed Heat Trace Line Status Report (Priced)

Panel Number	Breaker Number	Line Number	DTS Tag Number	Line Ohms	Line Megohms	Comments	Heat Trace Price
21 - Top	#05	21-1460-5	3397	22,000.00	2.1	150W Heater Failed. Maintains temperature for Enclosure 2HRLT-1460B. Located on the north side top of Unit 21 between IP and LP Drums. Recommend replace with comparable 150W O'Brien Heater - 120V	\$1,635.00
21 - Top	#10	21-1420-10	3398	22,000.00	0.2	150W Heater failed. Maintains Temperature for Enclosure 2HRPT-1420A. Located on top of Unit 21 above IP Drum. Recommend replace with comparable 150W O'Brien Heater - 120V.	\$1,635.00
21 - Top	#13	21-1460-13	3384	0.96	0.5	15' Tubing Bundle failed. Traces Transmitter 2HRPT1460B. Located on the top of Unit 21 catwalk above IP Drum. Recommend replace with comparable 15' O'Brien Tubing Bundle rated at 5 W/FT - 120V ~ Scaffold Required ~	TBD (Stock)
21 - Top	#15	21-NA-15	3601	22,000.00	0	MI cable has been cut and left on top level catwalk of Unit 21. Previously traced water inlet attemporator line. Recommend further investigation before replacing line.	TBD
22 - Top	#13	22-2460-13	959	22,000.00	0	150W Heater Failed. Maintains temperature in Enclosure 2HRPT-2460B. Located on the top of Unit 22 Elevated Platform above IP Drum. Recommend replace with comparable 150W O'Brien Heater - 120V	\$1,635.00
HT - 12	#03	12-2420-3	3427	86.5	1.4	100W Heater failed. Maintains temperature for Enclosure 1HRLT-2420C. Located at the south end of the HP Drum top of Unit 12. Recommend replace with comparable O'Brien 200W Heater - 120V.	\$1,635.00

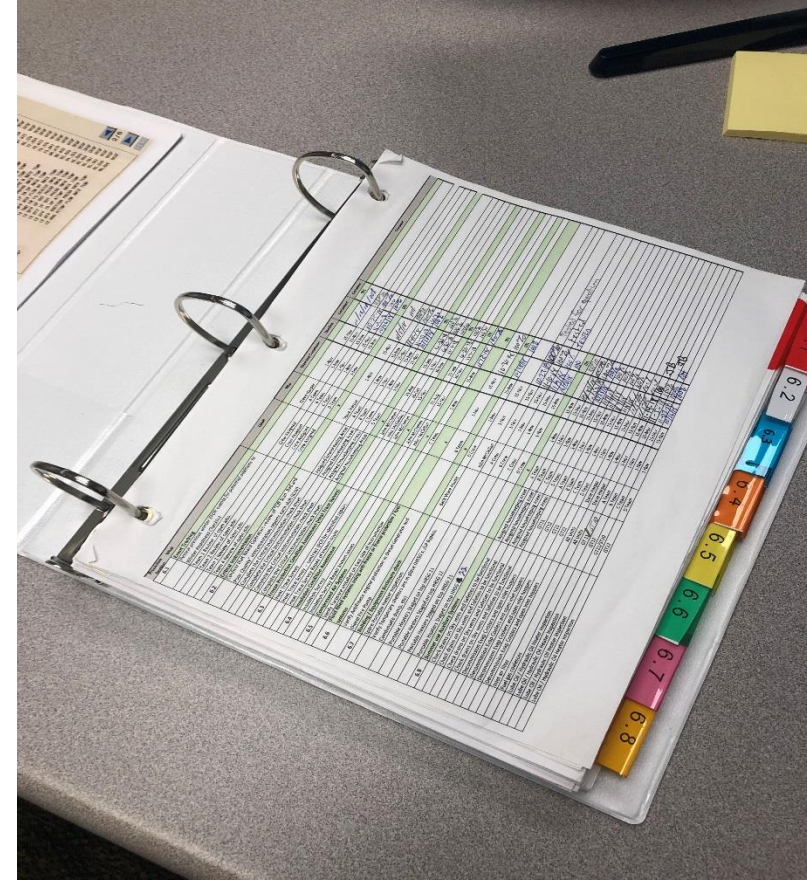
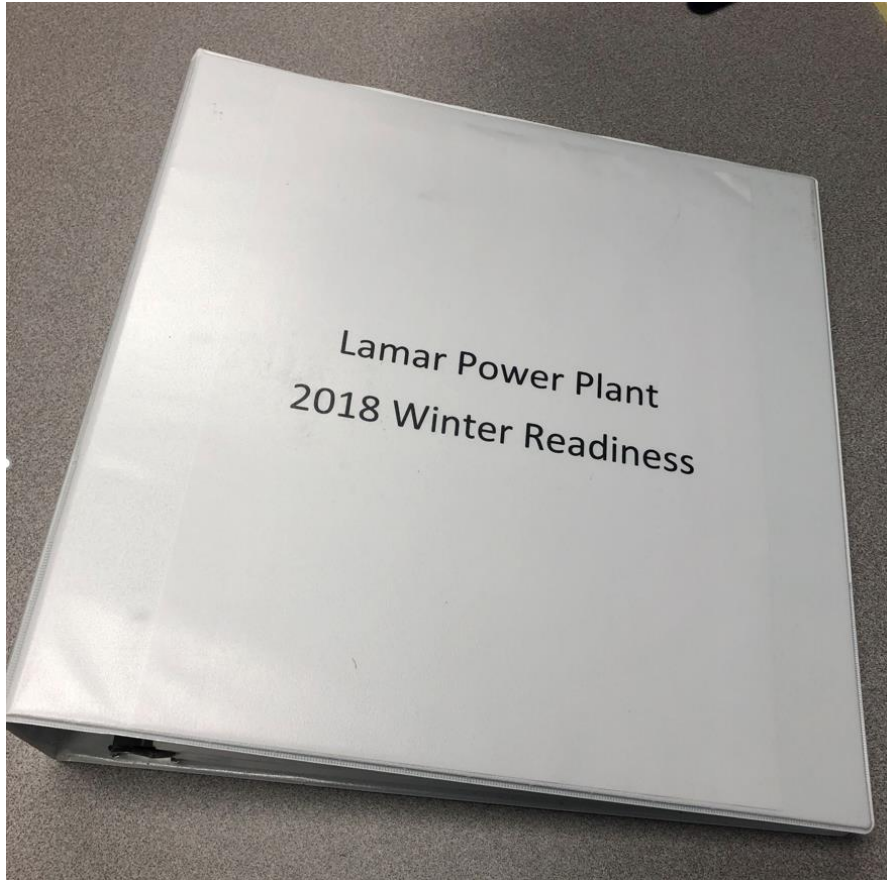
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Pictures are provided to document the location and failure mode for each failed heat trace circuit. In addition to circuit health documentation, individual cost estimates are provided for repair of each failed circuit.

The report is reviewed by the plant lead team. Items are ranked by risk (likelihood vs. cost of failure) and a repair plan is generated.

A heat trace specialty contractor is brought to execute the repair plan.

Winter Readiness




Each year at the first of October a winter readiness book is created and placed in the control. The book contains all winter readiness assignments, required training material, sign-off, and task tracking sheet. Each crew/individual is assigned a specific task that must be completed by a specific date.

Winter Readiness Task – Operator Training

Fleet Standard		Page 1 of 19
Subject: Standard of Seasonal and Severe Weather Readiness		
Rev #: 6	Rev Date: 09/11/2017	Document #: LFA-STD-0068
Use: Reference		


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Effective Date		Date
Required Review Frequency	Annually	Years

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Reliability Guideline
Generating Unit Winter Weather Readiness –
Current Industry Practices

Preamble:



**Generator Winter
Weatherization Workshop**
September 6, 2018

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Operator training includes procedure review, past winter event review, off-normal procedure review, and review of ERCOT & NERC training material.

Winter Readiness Task

		Inspection Criteria for Junction Boxes:	
		Inspect for water intrusion Inspect condition of wiring Verify door seal/gasket integrity	
Location		Junction Box	Initial of Verifier
CEMS 11		Analog Signal J-Box	
		Discrete Signal J-Box	
Bottom of North Side of HRSG 11		1-JB-1101	
		1-JB-1100	
		1-JB-1104	
		1-JB-1502	
		1-JB-1500	
		1-JB-1501	
		1-JB-1505	
		Lighting Panel 1ES-PL-BB	
		PWR Panel 1ES-PL-BK	
		PWR Panel 1ES-PL-BL	
		MDV Power Panel 1ES-PL-BP	
		J-Box @ LP Recirc Pump	
		J-Box @ LP Non-Return	
		Duct Burner Panel	
		Duct Burner Scanner J-box	
		Duct Burner Element J-box	
		BFW/P 11	
BFW/P Lube Oil Instrumentation J-Box			
BFW/P J-Box 1 Temperature Instruments			
BFW/P J-Box 2 Vibration Instruments			
Top of HRSG 11		J-Box 1 @ HV-1404	
		J-Box 2 @ HV-1404	
		Heat Trace Control Panel	
		1-JB-1102	
		1-JB-1103	
Gas Turbine 11		1-JB-1504	
		JB19A @ Fuel Gas Block	
		JB19B @ Fuel Gas Block	
		JB19C @ Fuel Gas Block	
		JB19D @ Fuel Gas Block	
		JB20A @ Fuel Module Door	
		JB20B @ Fuel Module Door	
		77G @ East Side Of LO Tank	
		130A @ East Side Of LO Tank	
		133 @ East Side Of LO Tank	
		317 @ East Side Of LO Tank	
		132B @ East Side Of LO Tank	
		77L @ East Side Of LO Tank	
		132C @ East Side Of LO Tank	
		132A @ East Side Of LO Tank	
		J-Box @ South of Eyewash Station West Side Of PEECC	
		Mark Vie Marshalling Panel	
		GEEC-11 JB @ East Side Of GEECC	
		North Tuning Kit	
		South Tuning Kit	
		Ignition Exciter J-Box	
		Ignition Alarm Control J-Box	
		JB34A @ Turbine Mid-Level South Side	
		JB169 on Turbine Roof	
		JB34 on Turbine Roof	
		JB37 on Turbine Roof	
		J-Box by CCW on S Side of Generator	
		J-Box Under Collector Cab Stairs	
		JB 77T South JB on East Wall of Exhaust Frame Area	
		JB 21A North JB on East Wall of Exhaust Frame Area	
		Small JB South of JB 20G on West Wall of Exhaust Frame Area	
		JB 20G North JB on West Wall of Exhaust Frame Area	
		GSU	
Inlet		J-Box @ Inlet (2 Total)	
		Evap Cooler Conductivity panel	
Completed By: _____		as indicated by _____	Date _____
Also Worked On By: _____		as indicated by _____	Date _____
Also Worked On By: _____		as indicated by _____	Date _____
Also Worked On By: _____		as indicated by _____	Date _____

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All electrical junction boxes are inspected for signs of water intrusion other obvious

All instrumentation deemed “critical” is inspected.

Winter Readiness Task



Temporary shelters are erected around critical equipment that has caused issues in the past.

Winter Readiness Task



Item	On Hand	Minimum	Unit	Reorder (Y/N)	Comments
Hand Warmers		20	ea	N	
Ice Creeper for Boots		18	pair		
Sand		1	pallet		
Salt		1	pallet		
Sand / Salt spreader		1	ea		
Extension Cords		24	ea		
Temp Heat Trace 6'		12	ea		
120v Pigtails		0	ea		
Heat Light Bulbs		15	ea		
Heat Light Housings		10	ea		
Large - Propane Cylinders		5	ea		
Small - Propane Cylinders		25	ea		
R19 Pink Panther Insulation		6	pack		
Pipe Insulation Tubes		10	tube		
Tie Wire		1	roll		
String		1	roll		
1/4" Rope		500	ft		
Duct Tape		8	roll		
Ground Fault Detectors		3	ea		
2x4x8 boards		0.5	bundle		
Plywood		5	Sheet		
Nails		2	lbs		
Kerosene		10	barrel		
Small propane torches		5	ea		
Weed burners		5	ea		
Zip Ties		100	ea		
Name					
Date Checked					

Adequate quantities of winter supplies are verified.

Winter Readiness Task



Temporary heating equipment is inspected/tested and quantity of fuel is verified and staged.

Winter Readiness Task

Other Winter Readiness Tasks/Checks

- Insulation Survey (Insulation Contractor)
- Compressed air system checks (dew point meter calibration & tarps)
- Verify antifreeze engine protection in diesel generator and diesel fire pump
- Spare portable heater inspection
- Portable heaters staged
- Lube oil / hydraulic oil heater inspection
- Fire pump/deluge house heater inspection
- Fuel gas filters
- Inlet air filters
- PO in place for contractor winter support
- Check operation of sand/salt spreader
- Check drains on sky vents and safeties to be functional
- Identified heat trace deficiencies corrected
- Insulation repairs complete

Winter Readiness Preparation

							% Complete 0.00%	Green - Documented in Book Yellow - Need document for book
Procedu- Section	What	Detail	Who	Expected Complete	Deadline	Complete	Comple	Comment
6.1	Event Tracking						0%	
	Review previous winter EFOR events for potential additions to Winter Readiness Checklist		Steve Harper	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Team 1 Review of open jobs.	Crew Assigned	A Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Team 2 Review of open jobs.	Crew Assigned	B Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Team 3 Review of open jobs.	Crew Assigned	C Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Team 4 Review of open jobs.	Crew Assigned	D Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
6.2	Critical Instrumentation		x					
	Confirm that Board Operators review of "Off Scan, Bad and Poor Quality" instrumentation reports each shift (IOW)		Steve Harper	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Complete the Critical Instrumentation check sheet.	Assigned Housekeeping	A Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Complete the Critical Instrumentation check sheet.	Assigned Housekeeping	B Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Complete the Critical Instrumentation check sheet.	Assigned Housekeeping	C Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Complete the Critical Instrumentation check sheet.	Assigned Housekeeping	D Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
6.3	Freeze Protection Condition Assessment (Heat Trace Survey)		x					
	Heat Trace Survey		John McClellan	31-Aug	15-Sep			
	Heat Trace Survey - contract (PO) for identified repairs		John McClellan	20-Oct	1-Nov			
	Heat Trace Survey Repair of known issues		John McClellan	15-Nov	30-Nov			
6.4	Insulation Condition Assessment		x					
	Insulation Survey		John McClellan	31-Aug	15-Sep			
	Insulation Survey Repair known issues		John McClellan	15-Nov	30-Nov			
6.5	Compressed Air Systems		x					
	compressors		C Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
6.6	Fluid filled systems using anti-freeze or freeze protection / fuel systems		x					
	Verify Antifreeze engine protection in Diesel Generator and Diesel Fire Pump		B Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
6.7	Building / Equipment Enclosure check		x					
	Spare Portable Heater Inspection	Back Ware House	D Crew	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Verify Temporary shelters are in place (HRSG's, /LP Bypass, Condensate dump, etc)		John McClellan	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Portable Heaters Staged on top HRSG 11		A Crew	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Portable Heaters Staged on top HRSG 12		B Crew	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Portable Heaters Staged on top HRSG 21		C Crew	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Portable Heaters Staged on top HRSG 22		D Crew	1-Nov	15-Nov			
6.8	Summer use Auxiliary Systems		x					
	Check drains on Sky vents and Safeties to be functional	Assigned Housekeeping	A Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Check drains on Sky vents and Safeties to be functional	Assigned Housekeeping	B Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Check drains on Sky vents and Safeties to be functional	Assigned Housekeeping	C Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Check drains on Sky vents and Safeties to be functional	Assigned Housekeeping	D Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Decommission Evap Coolers and open Inlet hoppers	GT11	A Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Decommission Evap Coolers and open inlet hoppers	GT12	B Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Decommission Evap Coolers and open inlet hoppers	GT21	C Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Decommission Evap Coolers and open inlet hoppers	GT22	D Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Inlet air filter	All Units	Steve Harper	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Fuel gas coalesces	All Units	Steve Harper	1-Nov	15-Nov			
	Lube Oil / Hydraulic Oil Heater Inspection	GT11/ST10	A Team	1-Nov	15-Nov			

Winter Readiness Preparation

The image shows four overlapping sign-off sheets for winter readiness preparation tasks. Each sheet has a header section with task details and a signature section at the bottom.

Top Left Sheet:

- John McClellan
- 6.3 Heat Trace Survey
- Survey Complete: 9/10/18
- PO to Contractor for Repairs: 9/10/18
- Repairs Complete: 9/10/18
- Signature: [Signature] Date: 11-1-18

Top Right Sheet:

- B Crew
- 6.6 Verify Anti-freeze In Diesel Fire Pump, Diesel Generator, Sky-Trac, Kubota's, & Trucks
- Signature: [Signature] Date: 11-1-18

Bottom Left Sheet:

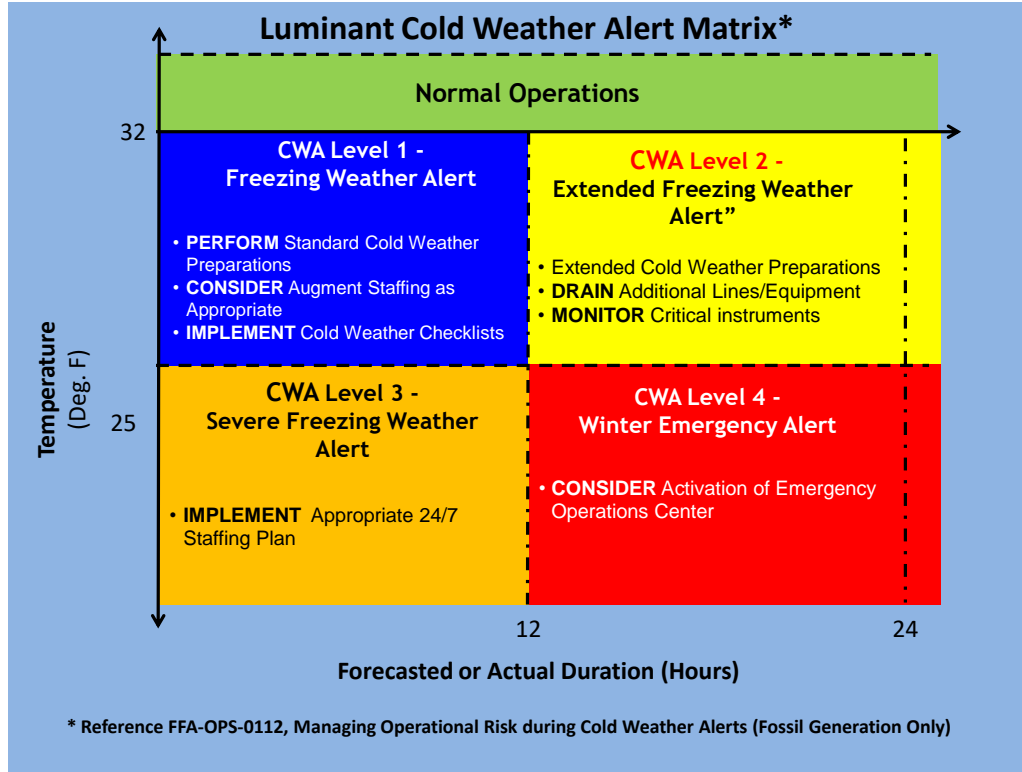
- John McClellan
- 6.4 Insulation Survey
- Survey Complete: 9/10/18
- PO to Contractor for Repairs: 9/10/18
- Repairs Complete: 9/10/18
- Signature: [Signature] Date: 11-1-18

Bottom Right Sheet:

- C Crew
- 6.5 Verify Tarps Are Installed on Instrument Air Compressors
- Signature: [Signature] Date: 11-2-18

Task completion is signed off and sign off sheets are audited by management to verify completion by deadline date.

Cold Weather Operations



COLD WEATHER ALERT (CWA) LEVEL 1 (Freezing Weather Alert) - Alert

level to be entered when actual or forecasted external temperature expected to be less than or equal to 32° F, but greater than 25° F for less than 12 hours.

CWA Level 2 (Extended Freezing Weather Alert) –

Alert level to be entered when actual or forecasted external temperature expected to be less than or equal to 32° F, but greater than 25° F for greater than 12 hours.

CWA Level 3 (Severe Freezing Weather Alert) -

Alert level to be entered when actual or forecasted external temperature expected to be less than or equal to 25° F for less than 12 hours. – **Staff to full complement and/or request additional contractor staffing**

CWA Level 4 (Winter Emergency Alert) - Alert

level to be entered when actual or forecasted external temperature expected to be less than or equal to 25° F for greater than 12 hours. **Staff to full complement and/or request additional contractor staffing. Lead team member on site 24/7.**

Cold Weather Operations

Freeze Protection Equipment Cycling

Rev 03-28-2017

Every 2 hours if temperature has been below freezing for more than 6 hours

Block 1

Run both CST & DST transfer pumps

Crack open water box 2" vent valves.

PV-1402 (ensure that HV-1410 & TV-1411 open as well)

Cycle hv-1425 & 1426 hp evap drains & IP evap drains 1465 & 1466 every 2 hrs

PV-2402 (ensure that HV-2410 & TV-2411 open as well)

PV-1417 (ensure that HV-1413 & TV-1418 open as well)

PV-2417 (ensure that HV-2413 & TV-2418 open as well)

PV-0042 (ensure that HV-0040 & TV-0043 open as well)

Cycle hv-2425 & 2426 hp evap drains & IP evap drains 2465 & 2466 every 2 hrs

TV-1404 (ensure HV-1400 opens)

TV-2404 (ensure HV-2400 opens)

TV-1408 (ensure HV-1405 opens)

TV-2408 (ensure HV-2405 opens)

TV-0800 (BD sump quench water)

Start BFWP's 11 & 12 check flow on HP De-superheater attemp & HP letdown PV-1402

When running BFWPs insure hrsg start up drains & tattle tale drains are open.

If the cooling tower plume is blowing across block visually inspect the compartment / exhaust frame fans for

Swap Vacuum Condensate Pumps

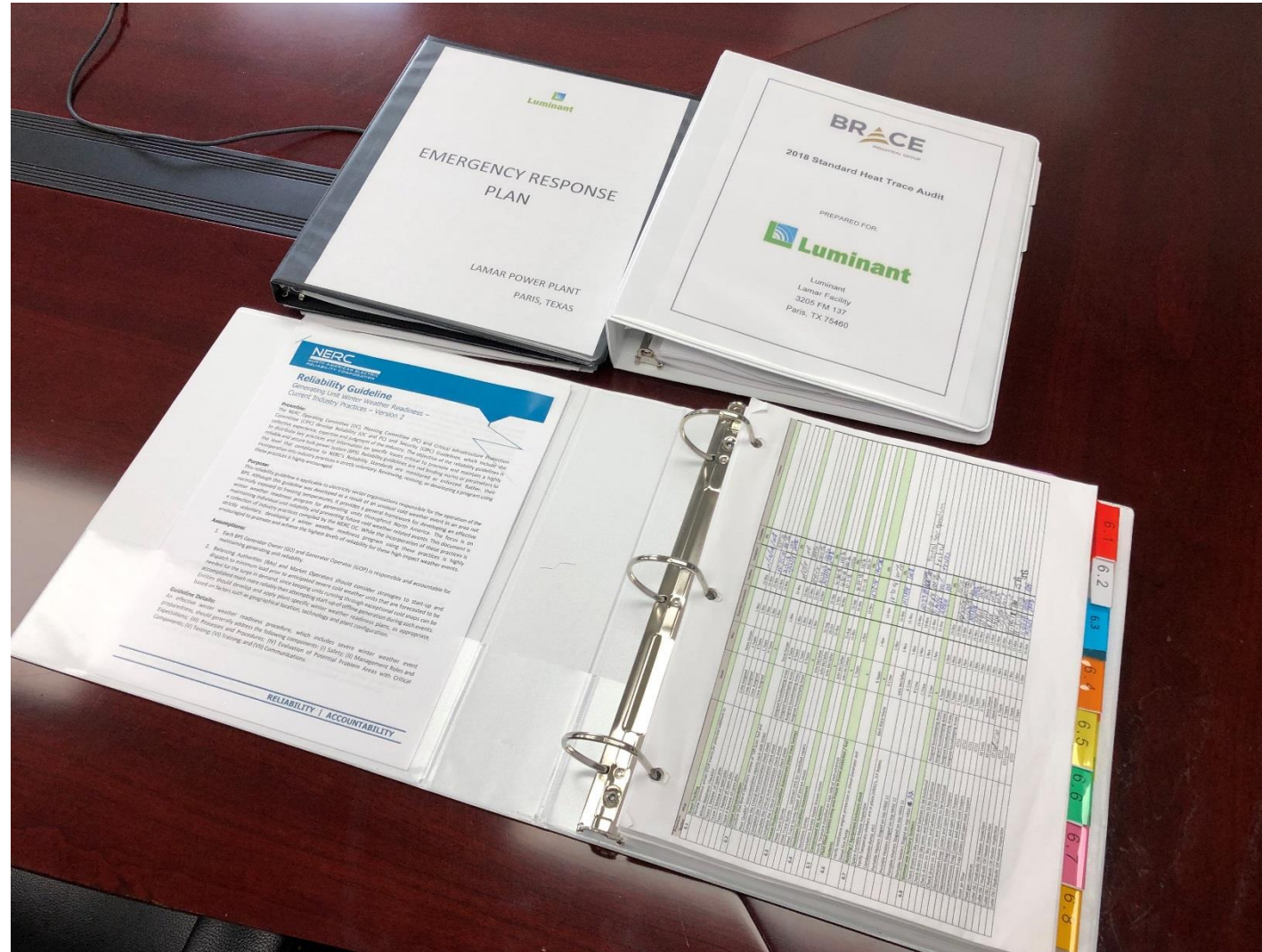
Swap Closed Cooling Water Pumps

Swap Aux. Cooling Water Pumps

*Watch condenser level. If the level falls check the status of the dump valve back to the condensate storage tank.

Bypass Aux cooling water coolers to maintain 70F temperature

ERCOT Winter Readiness Audit



All documentation of winter readiness is made available during a winter readiness audit by ERCOT.

Questions?



-Winter Weatherization Workshop Very few do this right...

Valin Houston





Suggested Topics:

- How to properly test heat trace
- Best way to define a failing circuit
- Suggested maintenance interval

When Do You Test Heat Trace?

- Heat Trace

When should you meg electric heat trace?



When:

Meg in the box

Meg after cut and installed-pre insulation

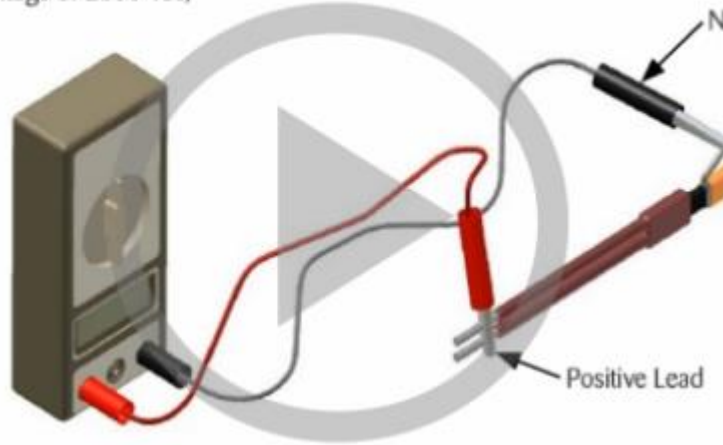
Meg after insulation

Meg at Commissioning

As a PM punch list item annually

Heat Trace Meg

(IEEE 515 and IEC 60079-30 Recommend
Test Voltage of 2500 Vdc)



How:

Disconnect all wires/t stats etc
Connect (-neg) lead to trace braid
Connect (+pos) lead to both cable bus wires
Set meter to 500 Vdc. Test for 1 min
Record values
Repeat at 1000 and 2500 Vdc and record



Megohmmeters- Acceptable Limits



@1000 VDC =10 megOhms Minimum



Testing Heat Trace-Common Misses

Do individual runs- no [Tees](#)
Remove and test power wire
Check box for

- moisture and bad terminals
- grommets
- over braid fuzz



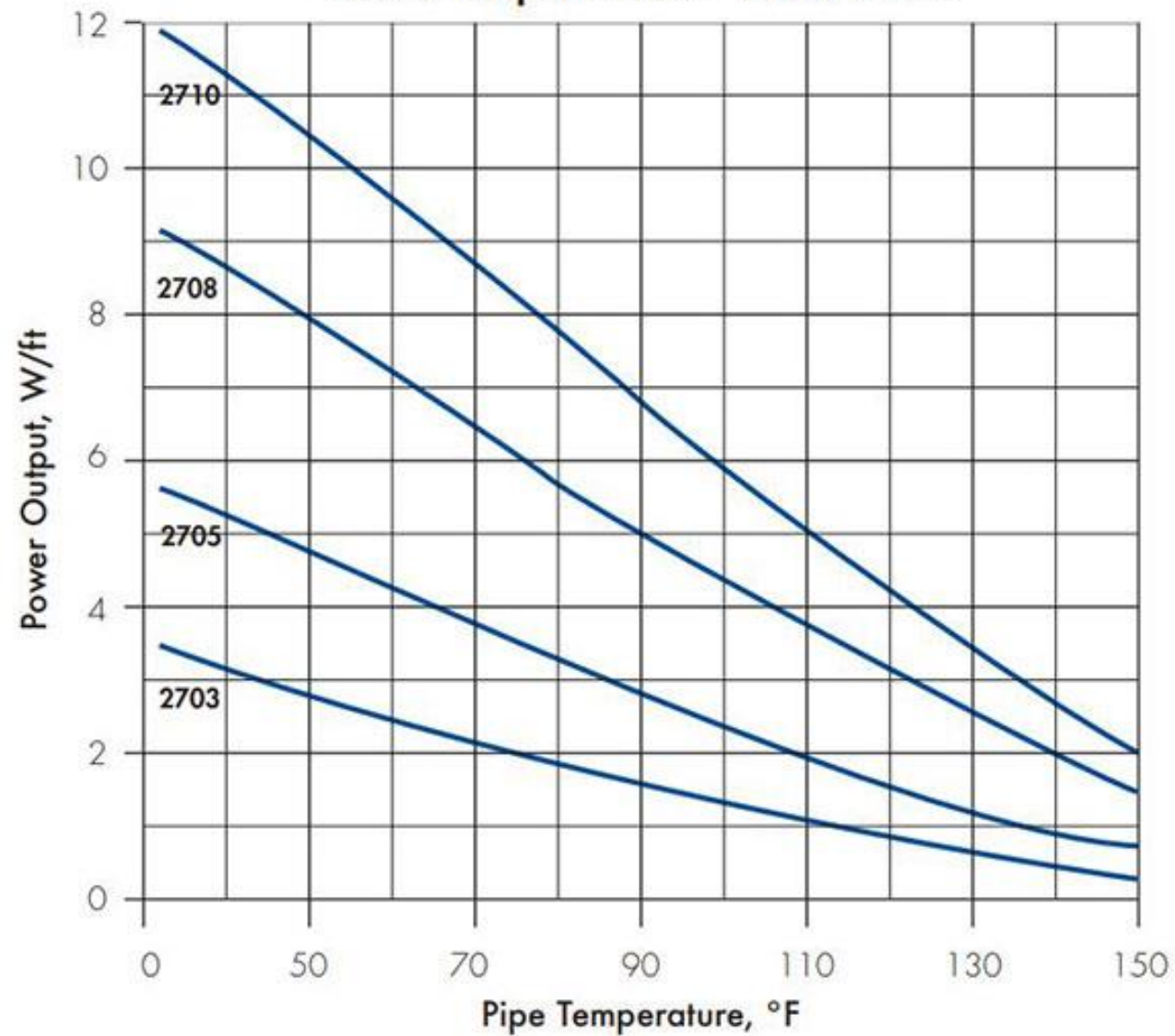
AMPS-A Great Backup

- Note amps @ start up
- After 15 min
- Note current ambient temp and pipe temp

Establish a baseline



Power Output Curves - 2700 Series



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Inadequate Control Systems



Heat Trace Low Meg-

- **What should you do?**

- Roll out cable and inspect for damage
- Cut damaged cable off and re meg
- Order a replacement roll and send it back



Break

Wolf Hollow II

Combined Cycle Facility

Granbury, Texas

Jeff Klier
Plant Manager



Exelon Generation®

Overview

- Introduction
- Critical components
 - Isometric View
 - Field View
- Heat trace circuits
- Heat trace panel breaker resets – human performance
- Real-time monitoring heat trace panels
- Construction lessons learned
 - Uni-strut Stand-off protection & Insulation installation
 - Transmitter location pros and cons
 - Over protection
 - Contingency planning
- Winter readiness

Introduction to Exelon and Wolf Hollow 2

Exelon Generation

Exelon Generation is one of the nation's leading competitive power generators with a balanced (and growing) portfolio of zero-carbon nuclear, natural gas, hydro, wind, solar and more. It's among the largest, cleanest, lowest-cost power generation fleets in America. It includes the nation's largest and, globally, the third largest nuclear fleet.

Asset Info: Wolf Hollow 2 is a 2 x 1 combined cycle power plant with a June 2017 COD

Technology

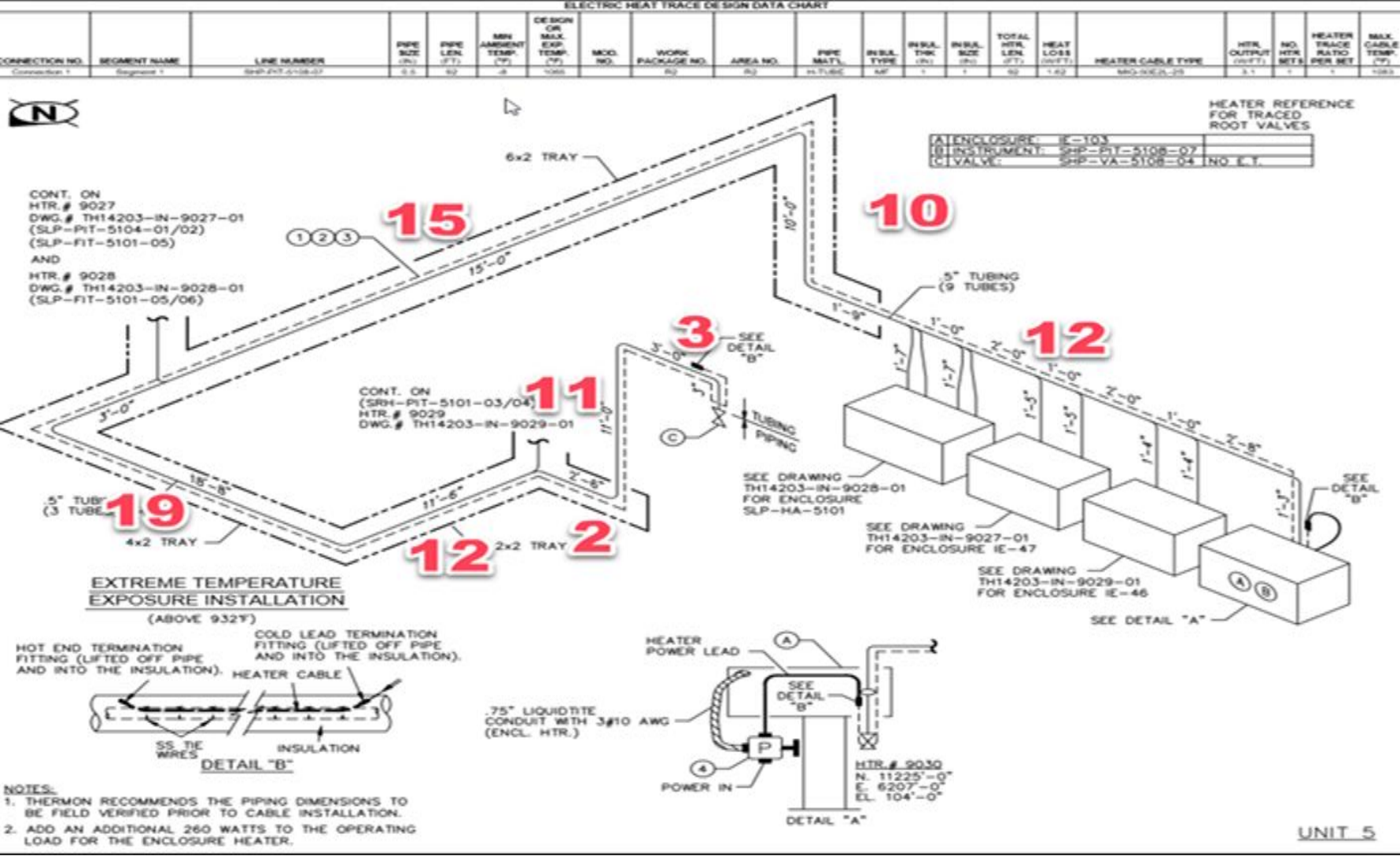
- Gas Turbines - GE 7HA.02
- Steam Turbine - GE D600
- Generators - Model H65 and H84
- DCS - Mark VIe & Ovation
- HRSG - Alstom triple pressure
- Air Cooled Condenser - Evapco

Critical Components

- Example of a Critical Circuit
 - Process controls requirements
 - Identifying single point failures
 - Circuit connections

Circuit Breaker	Equipment ID #	Instrument	Critical Component	Reference Drawings	Instrument Details / Line #
CB-14	SRH-PIT-5101-04	HRSG 5 Reheat Steam Pressure Transmitter	Critical	M004645-FPSC00088 S01	REHEAT STEAM PRESS
CB-14	SHP-PIT-5104-01	HRSG 5 HP Steam Pressure Transmitter	Critical	M004645-FPSC00059 S01	HP STEAM PRESS
CB-14	SHP-PIT-5104-02	HRSG 5 HP Steam Pressure Transmitter	Critical	M004645-FPSC00059 S01	HP STEAM PRESS
CB-14	SLP-FIT-5101-05	HRSG 5 LP Steam Flow Transmitter	Critical	M004645-FPSC00060 S01	LP STEAM FLOW
CB-14	SLP-FIT-5101-06	HRSG 5 LP Steam Flow Transmitter	Critical	M004645-FPSC00060 S01	LP STEAM FLOW
CB-14	HEATER	HTRs 9027, 9028, 9029, 9030	Heating/Piping	M004645-FPSC00059, 060, 088, 089	CNS-FIT-5100-04 SRH-PIT-5101-03/04

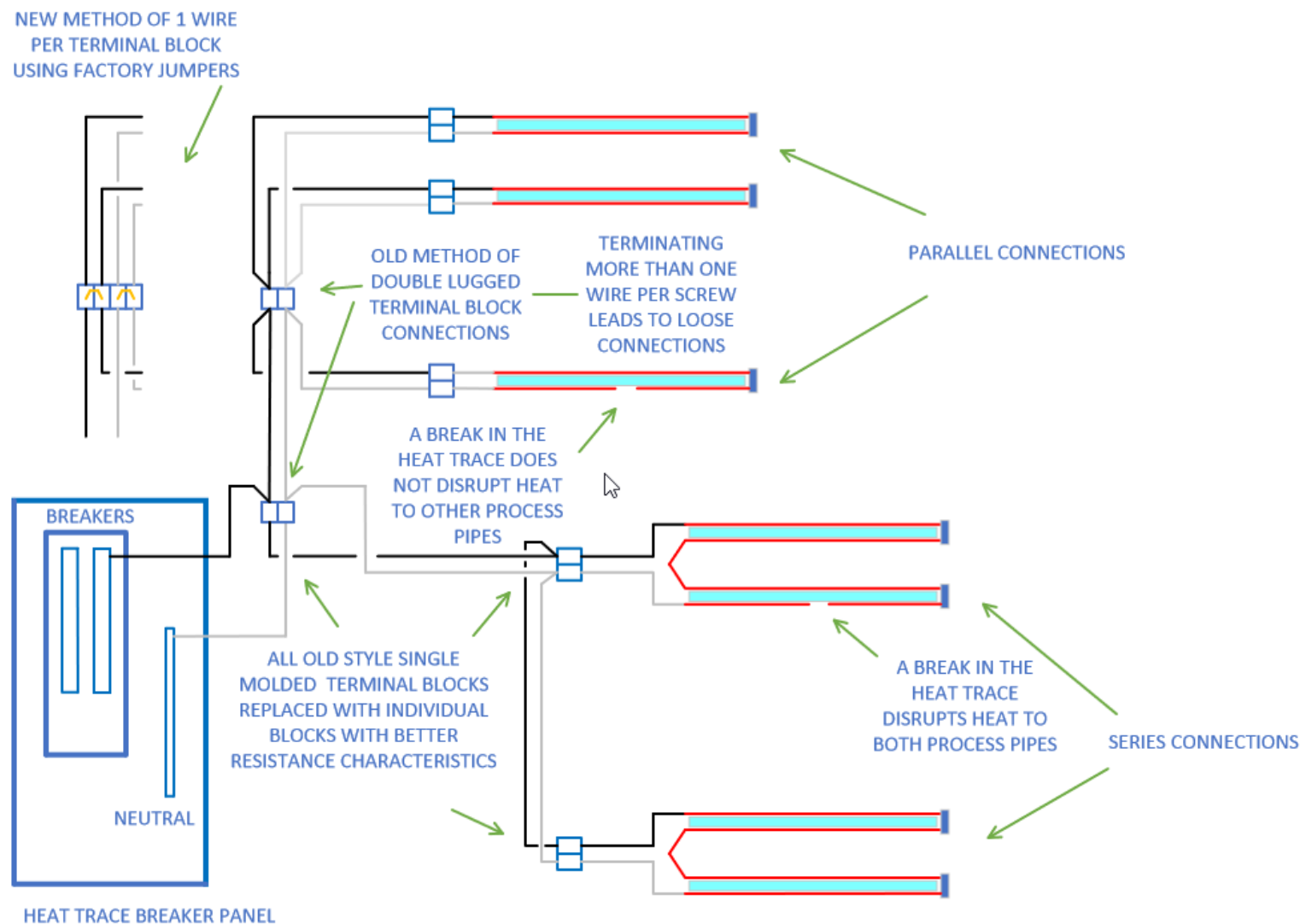
Isometric View



Field View



Heat Trace Circuits



Heat Trace Panel Breaker Resets

- Three Reasons Why Circuit Breakers Keep Tripping
 - Circuit Overloads
 - Short Circuits
 - Ground Fault Surges
- Breaker Resets
 - Risk vs Reward
 - Process heating demands
 - Current conditions
 - Current support



Real-Time Monitoring Heat Trace Panels



- HMI Screen Features
- Circuit Dashboard
- Live Amp readings
- Instant Alarms
- Circuit Isometric Drawings
- Circuit Baseline History For Trending
- DCS network features

Lessons Learned

Proper Application

- Heating cable selection
 - Select heating cable family
 - Select heating cable
 - Determine heating cable length
- Electrical Design
 - Determine heating cable length
 - Select protection rating
- Components and accessories selection

Terminal Block Connections



Sensing Line Standoffs



Installation Standards



ERCOT Winter Readiness

- Annual heat trace testing
- Thermal insulation inspections
 - The value of properly installed and well-maintained thermal insulation cannot be overemphasized. Without the insulation the heat loss is generally too high to be offset by heat tracing
- Ongoing preventative maintenances
 - Post outage system checks – Heat Trace & Insulation
 - Year-round post maintenance testing
 - Every day system vigilances
- Temporary vs Permanent structures and wind breaks
- Contingency planning
 - Rapid response kits
 - Appropriate Staffing
 - Targeted Training



**Generator Winter
Weatherization Workshop**
September 5, 2019

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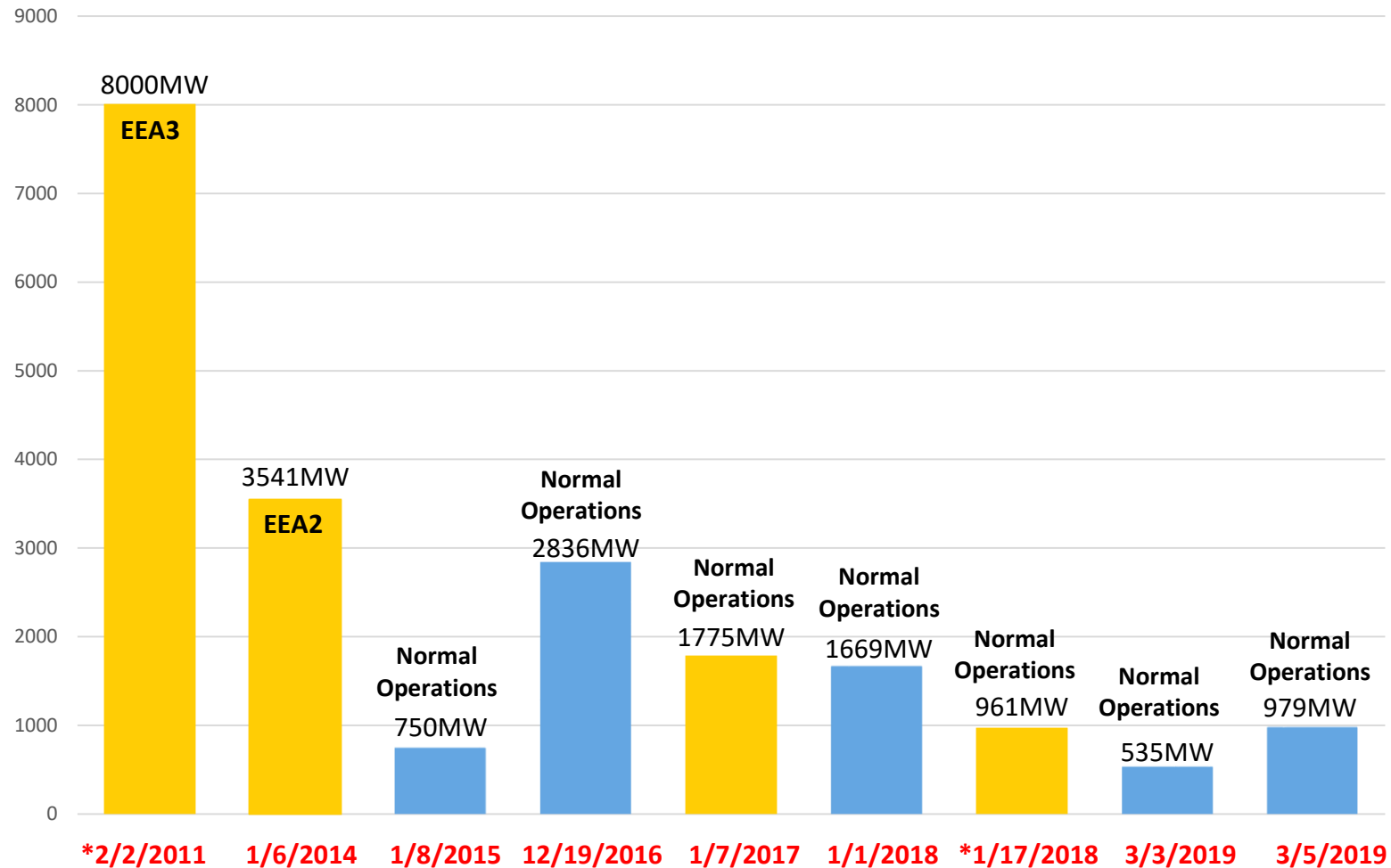
February 2011 Headlines....



PUCT Regulatory Requirements for Generator Preparedness

- §25.53. Electric Service Emergency Operations Plans.
 - (c)(1)(H) A plan for the inventory of pre-arranged supplies for emergencies.
 - (c)(1)(I) A plan that addresses staffing during severe weather events.
 - (c)(2)(A) A plan that addresses severely cold and severely hot weather.
 - (c)(2)(B) A plan that addresses any known critical failure points, including any effects of weather design limits.
 - (c)(2)(G) Checklists for generating facility personnel to address emergency events.
 - (c)(2)(H) A summary of alternate fuel and storage capacity.
 - (c)(2)(I) A plan for alternative fuel testing if the facility has the ability to utilize alternative fuels.
 - (c)(2)(d) A Market entity shall conduct or participate in one or more drills annually to test its emergency procedures if its emergency procedures have not been implemented in response to an actual event within the last 12 months.

Generation MW tripped due to frozen instrumentation



Salmon colored reflects four coldest days in ERCOT in last eight years

* 2/2/2011 and 1/17/2108 were the two coldest days this decade

Plant spot checks winter season 2018/2019 results

- 97 units spot checked
 - ✓ The purpose of spot checks is to verify plant personnel are following their weatherization plan.
 - ✓ As necessary, plant personnel are left with a recommendation based on lessons learned or best practices observed.
 - ✓ Company senior management is emailed results.
- Fuel types
 - 4 coal units
 - 93 gas fired units (conventional and combined cycle)
 - 33 units agreed to improve preparations and/or records management and will be scheduled early in 2019 to verify improvements.
 - 64 units had no observed deficiencies in their plan or records management.

Common causes of transmitter manifolds and/or sensing lines freezing

- Tripped heat trace circuit breaker.
- Blown fuse in heat trace panel.
- Contractor error when terminating heat trace after testing.
- Insulating contractor damage to heat trace.
- Section of heat trace not functioning.
- Incorrect heat trace for application.
- Heat trace open ended and not grounded.
- Transmitter cabinet heater not functioning.
- Poor or lack of wind break measures.
- Transmitter(s) exposed to the elements.
- Gaps in insulation.

What have we learned since February 2011?

- ✓ Identify critical components if frozen, will derate, trip or fail to start the unit and incorporate the measures to prevent from freezing into weatherization plan.
- ✓ Heat trace failure rates in Texas on average are 10-15% from previous season.
- ✓ Detailed testing of heat trace is necessary, identifying critical circuits. Repair at minimum, critical circuits.
- ✓ Verify critical heat trace circuits are functioning prior to every extreme cold weather event.
- ✓ Insulation inspections, focusing on critical components.
- ✓ As an additional measure, install wind breaks and/or space heaters protecting critical components, focusing on the N and NE sides of unit. Avoid off the shelf tarps.

What have we learned since February 2011? (continued)

- ✓ Review scope of contractor work and verify acceptable completion.
- ✓ Verify instrument air dryers, dew point monitoring, blow downs are all operating correctly.
- ✓ Conduct a refresher training drill in the fall with operators on extreme cold weather procedures.
- ✓ Ensure critical transmitters are in a heated enclosure and inspect integrity of transmitter enclosures in the fall as part of weatherization plans.
- ✓ Test critical components transmitter cabinet thermostat and heater as part of heat trace testing.
- ✓ Weatherization plan portion of EOP should be updated annually as lessons are learned and sent to ERCOT at EOP@ercot.com.

Closing comments.....

- ✓ ERCOT assists generators in preparing for winter operations with spot checks, sharing lessons learned, best practices, recommendations and the annual fall workshop.
- ✓ Recent history has shown us that for every extreme cold weather event, a small amount of generation will experience freeze related derates or trips.
- ✓ Overall, ERCOT was pleased with the performance of generators during this past winter.
- ✓ For winter 2019/2020, spot checks will begin November 15, 2019 and will conclude February 28, 2020.

Thank you generator owners, operators and plant staff for your efforts on winter weatherization!





2019-20 Preliminary Winter Weather Outlook

Chris Coleman
ERCOT Sr. Meteorologist

Generator Weatherization Workshop
Sep 5, 2019

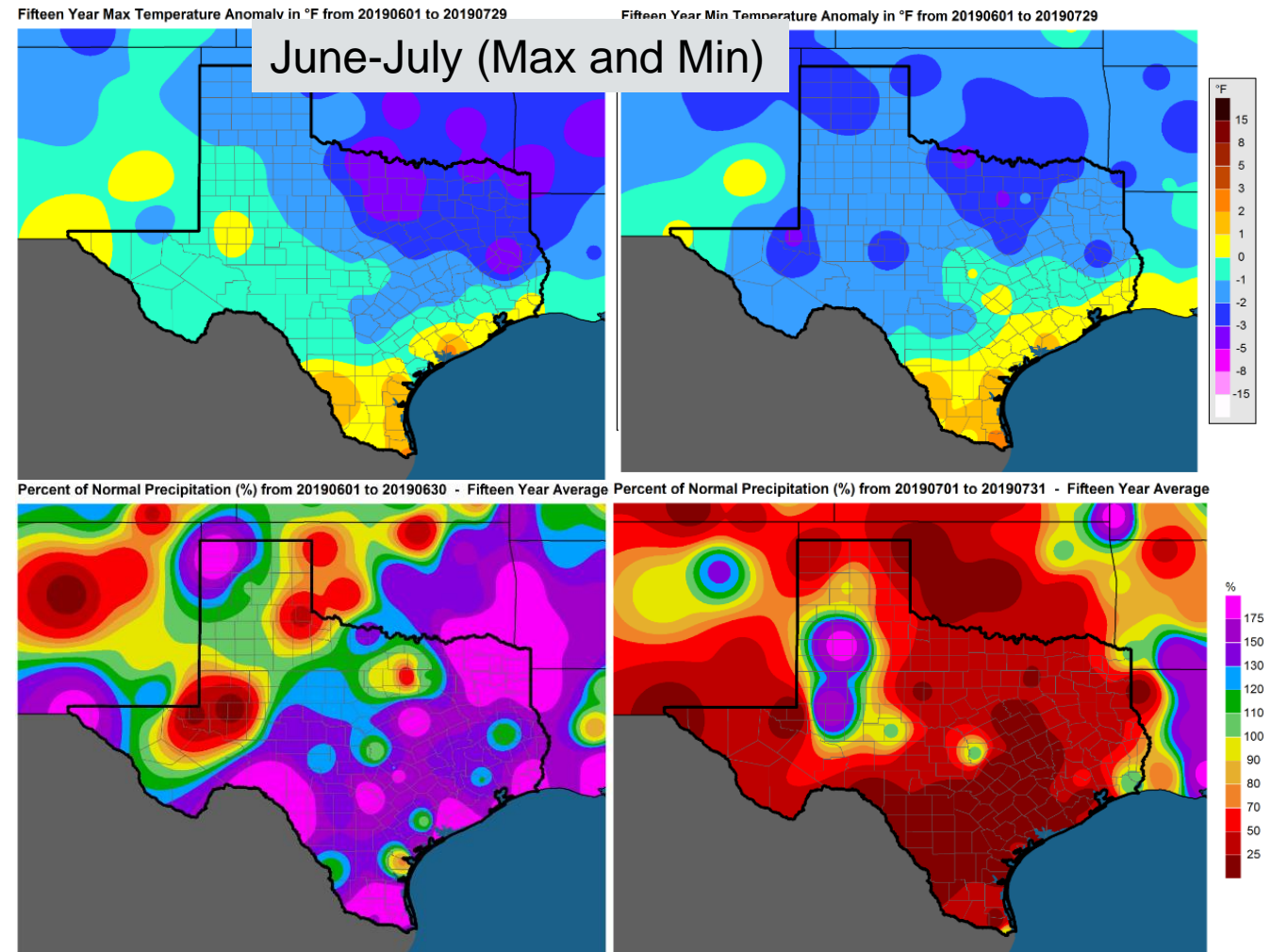
Agenda

- Updating the summer
- Quick look ahead to fall
- Review of last winter (and other recent winters)
- Expectations for the upcoming winter



Updating Summer 2019

- June 2019 was the coolest for the state of Texas since June 2007. July was the coolest since 2014. **Jun-Jul combined was the coolest since 2007**
- Dallas-Fort Worth recorded its first 100° day on 7/30 – the latest first 100 since 2007
- June 2019 was the wettest for the state of Texas since June 2007
- The back half of the summer was forecast to be hotter than the front half (like August, September has above normal potential)

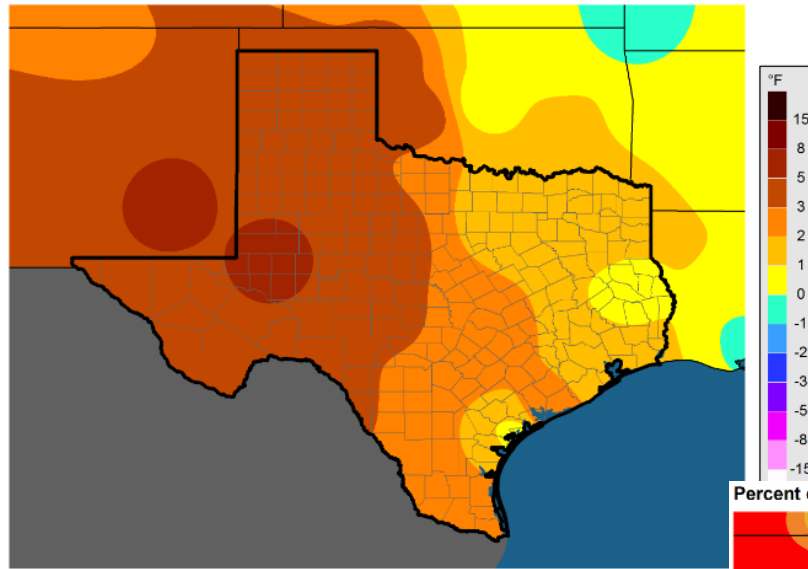


July trended much drier – driest since 2011 – which resulted in a significantly hotter August

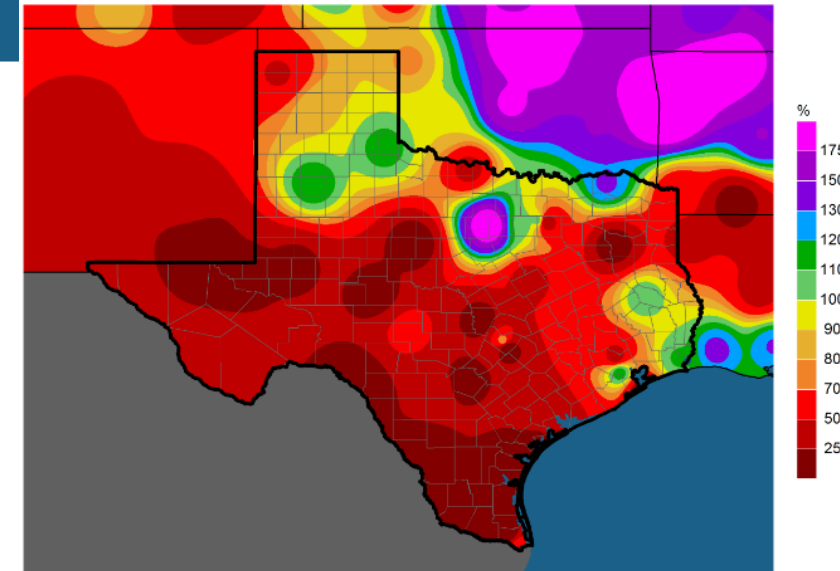
Updating Summer 2019

- The dry trend that started in July continued through August
- This resulted in a very hot August, likely the hottest since August 2011
- After very few 100 degree days in June and July, August has made up a large chunk of the deficit
- September is likely to see August's hotter-than-normal trend continue

Average Temperature (°F) Departure from 20190801 to 20190830 - Fifteen Year Average



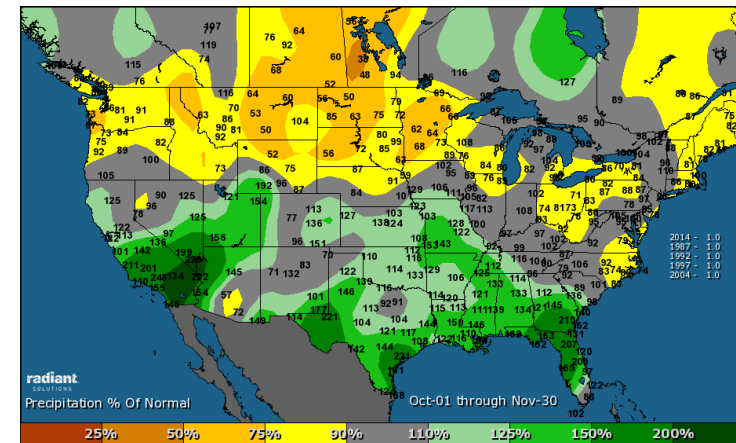
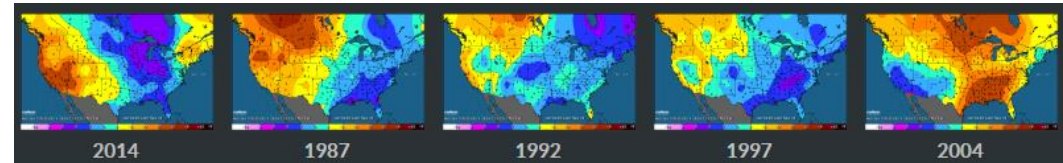
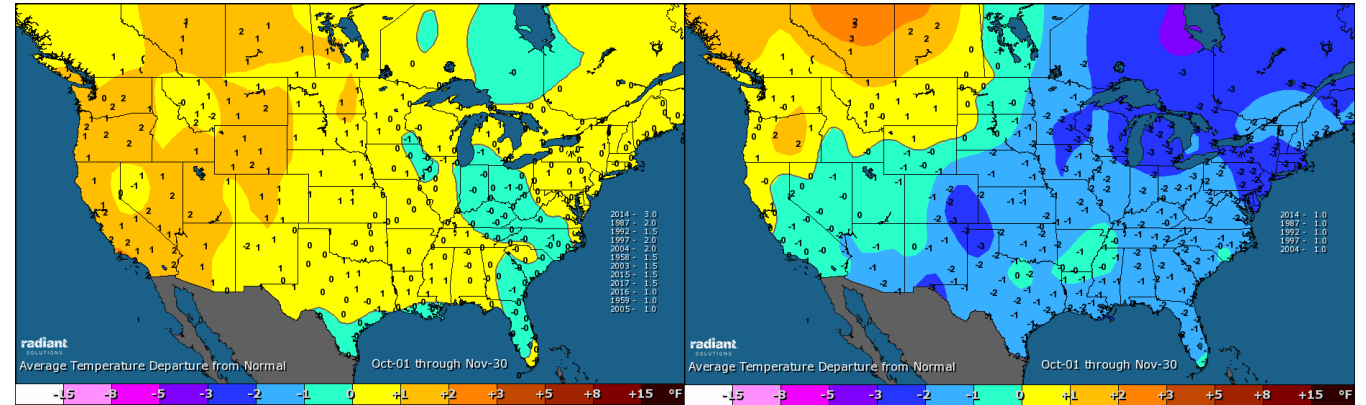
Percent of Normal Precipitation (%) from 20190801 to 20190830 - Fifteen Year Average



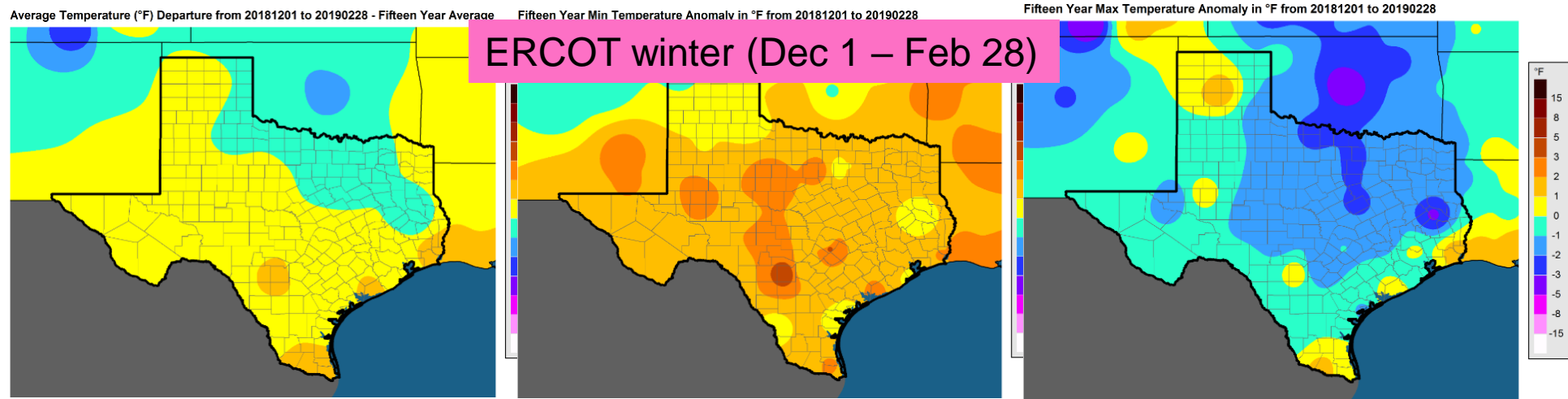
August 2019 – hotter and drier than normal

Fall 2019 Weather Outlook

- Late-summer/early-fall indicates warmer than normal conditions
- **October** shows **above normal** temperature potential
- Potential to turn significantly **cooler** in **November** – but not necessarily a precursor to the winter
- Possible early-season ice/snow event in West Texas in November
- After a dry period this summer, indications of a wetter pattern developing in the fall



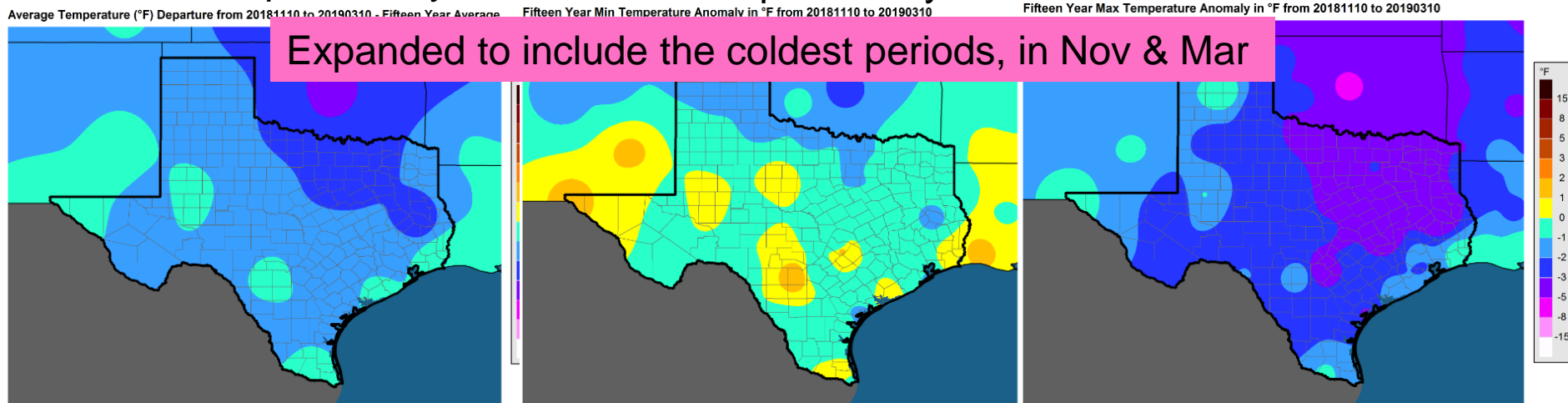
Reviewing Last Winter



Mean temp anomaly

Min temp anomaly

Max temp anomaly



November 14, 2018
March 5, 2019

Mean Temperature Ranking of Recent Texas Winters (124 historical winters)

2018-19	93 rd coldest
2017-18	75 th
2016-17	124 th coldest (warmest winter on record)
2015-16	116 th
2014-15	67 th
2013-14	30 th
2012-13	109 th
2011-12	98 th
2010-11	67 th
2009-10	8 th
2008-09	111 th

Since 2001, only two winters have ranked in the coldest third (1-41) of historical winters

Last winter's two coldest periods were technically just outside of the ERCOT winter (Dec 1-Feb 28). The coldest periods were in mid-November and early-March (11/14/18 & 3/5/19)

Seasonal Rankings

- ❑ 125 years of data, 1895-2019
- ❑ Chart shows the ranking within that set of years, by season
- ❑ 1 = warmest, 125 = coldest
- ❑ 38 total seasons thus far this decade
- ❑ Of the 38, **23** have ranked in the **warmest** third (1-42; indicated by red-shaded cells)
- ❑ **12** have ranked in the **middle** third (43-83; indicated by no shade)
- ❑ **3** have ranked in the **coldest** third (84-125; indicated by blue-shaded cells)

- ❑ What does this tell you?
 - You'd better have strong supporting evidence if forecasting a colder-than-normal season

spring 2019	72
winter 2018-19	31
fall 2018	103
summer 2018	6
spring 2018	7
winter 17-18	48
fall 2017	8
summer 2017	50
spring 2017	9
winter 16-17	1
fall 2016	1
summer 2016	21
spring 2016	21
winter 15-16	8
fall 2015	8
summer 2015	17
spring 2015	58
winter 2014-15	54
fall 2014	65
summer 2014	50
spring 2014	81
winter 13-14	93
fall 2013	83
summer 2013	21
spring 2013	76
winter 2012-13	15
fall 2012	17
summer 2012	12
spring 2012	1
winter 2011-12	25
fall 2011	32
summer 2011	1
spring 2011	3
winter 2010-11	54
fall 2010	32
summer 2010	10
spring 2010	68
winter 2009-10	114

Winter vs Summer

Winter extremes happen quickly

- A strong cold front moves through dropping temperatures sharply – sometimes 30-40 degrees in a matter of an hour or two.
- High wind speeds also tend to accompany strong cold fronts, resulting in even colder wind chills – and cold air that more readily penetrates buildings and other structures.
- A winter load peak can literally be 20,000 MW or more higher than the day prior

Summer extremes are typical, with an uninterrupted build of heat over an extended period

- A hot summer pattern in Texas is the result of high pressure that parks itself over the state, limiting rain chances and cloud cover, while allowing the high angle of the Texas sun in the summer to reach its full impact
- It's commonly the day-after-day impacts of heat that result in load peaks during summer
- A summer load peak is likely **only a few hundred** to a couple thousand megawatts higher than the previous day

Because of this difference, a summer long-range weather outlook tends to do a better job at capturing extremes and peaks than a winter long-range outlook. Remember, a very strong cold front can move through in an otherwise mild winter (cold winters are defined more by the frequency of cold fronts).

Seasonal versus Extremes

*****Mild winters can have very cold periods*****

- February 2, 2011:
- **Dallas:** 13° (20MPH wind)
- **Houston:** 21° (16MPH wind)
- **San Antonio:** 19° (25MPH wind)
- **Austin:** 18° (26MPH wind)
- **Brownsville:** 32° (26MPH wind)
- **Abilene:** 7° (16MPH wind)
- **Midland:** 6° (16MPH wind)

Winter of 2010-11: **67th coldest** in TX weather history

Remains
the
winter
peak
record
(65,915
MW)

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- January 17, 2018:
 - **Dallas:** 13° (5MPH wind)
 - **Houston:** 19° (13MPH wind)
 - **San Antonio:** 23° (10MPH wind)
 - **Austin:** 18° (10MPH wind)
 - **Brownsville:** 30° (14MPH wind)
 - **Abilene:** 8° (5MPH wind)
 - **Midland:** 28° (7MPH wind)

Winter of 2017-18: **75th coldest** in TX weather history

*****Including the Coldest day since February 2011*****

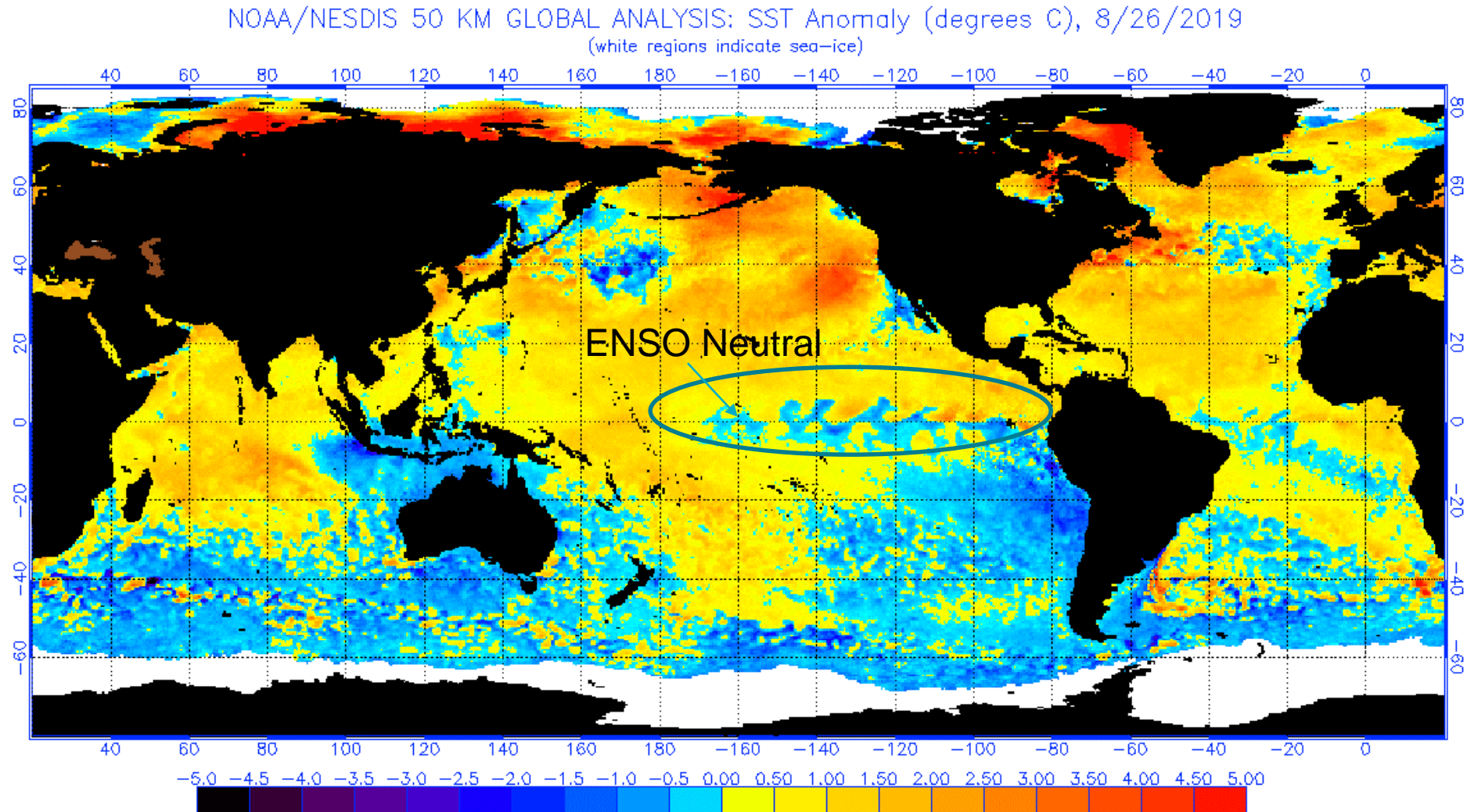
All-time winter peak load on this date: **65,750 MW**

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Those were the **two coldest days** this decade

Winter 2013-14 was the coldest this decade (polar vortex winter) – but no single day that winter approached the cold extremes of 2/2/11 or 1/17/18

Ocean Temperatures



ENSO (El Niño Southern Oscillation)

A Weak El Niño event started last fall. It's transitioned to a **neutral** state this summer

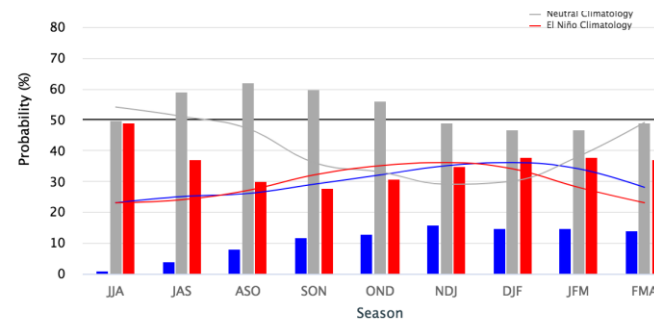
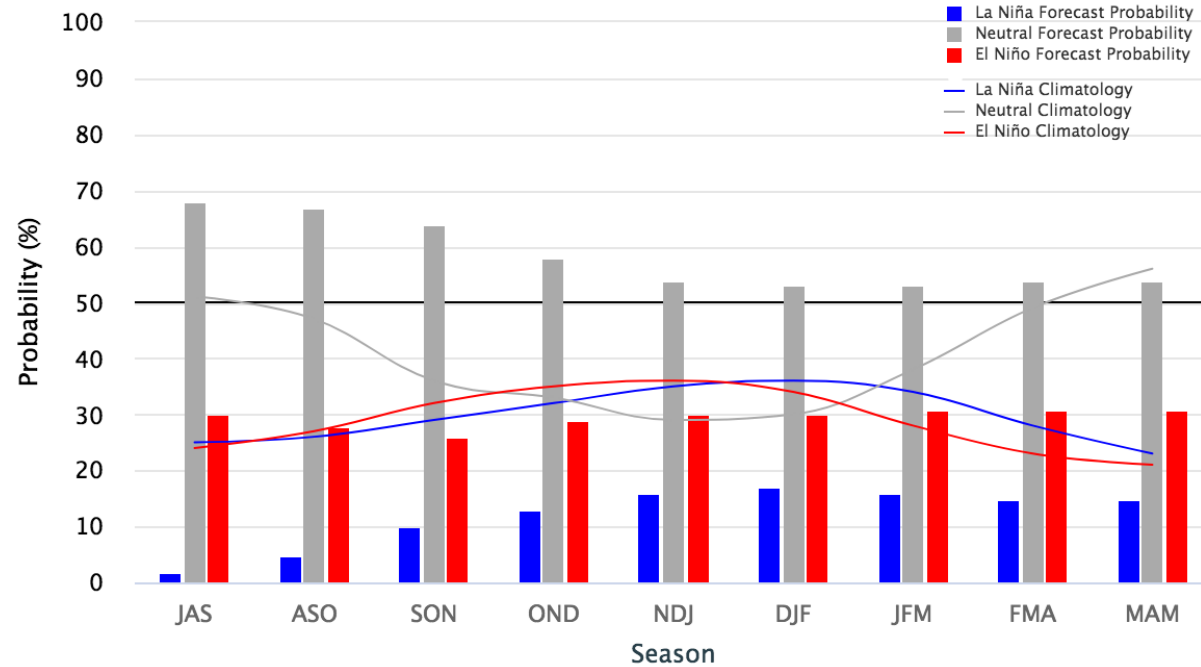
ENSO models are poorest performing in the summer (when ENSO is typically weak – so less for models to initialize)

Neutral (neither El Niño nor La Niña) is the most likely scenario through fall and winter. El Niño has more support than La Niña, with a very warm Pacific Ocean

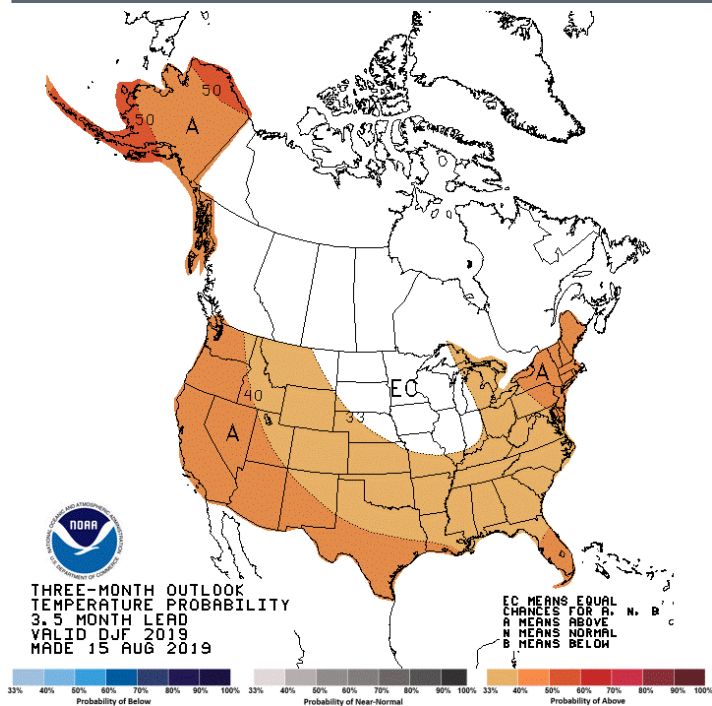
Early-August 2019 CPC/IRI Official Probabilistic ENSO Forecasts

ENSO state based on NINO3.4 SST Anomaly

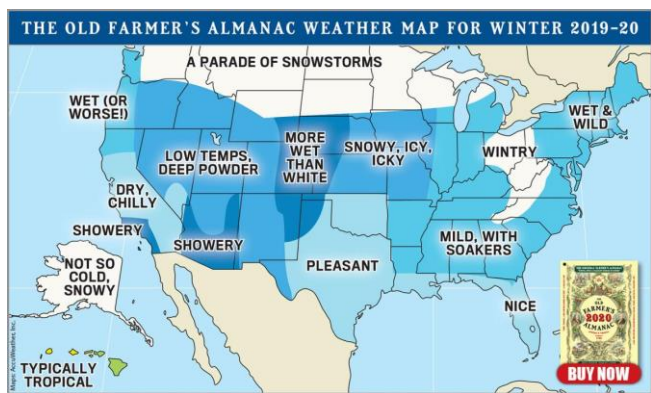
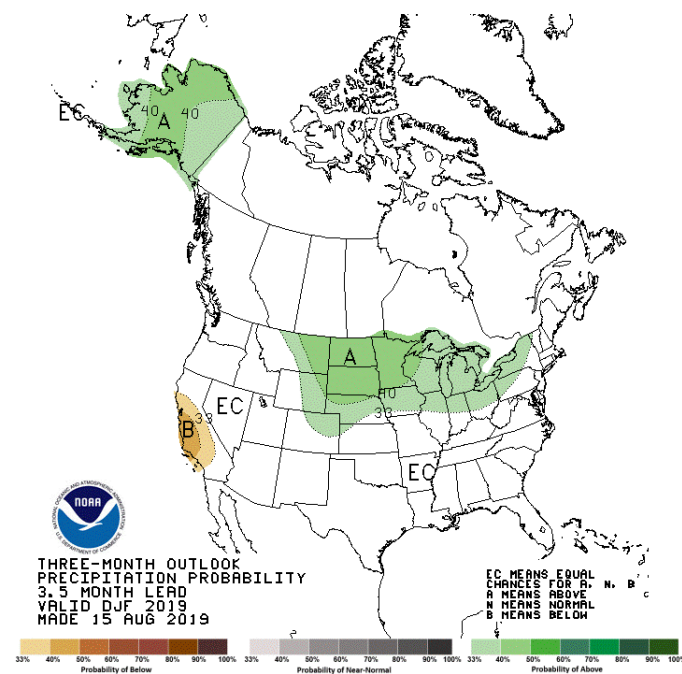
Neutral ENSO: -0.5°C to 0.5°C



Other Winter Outlooks Currently Available

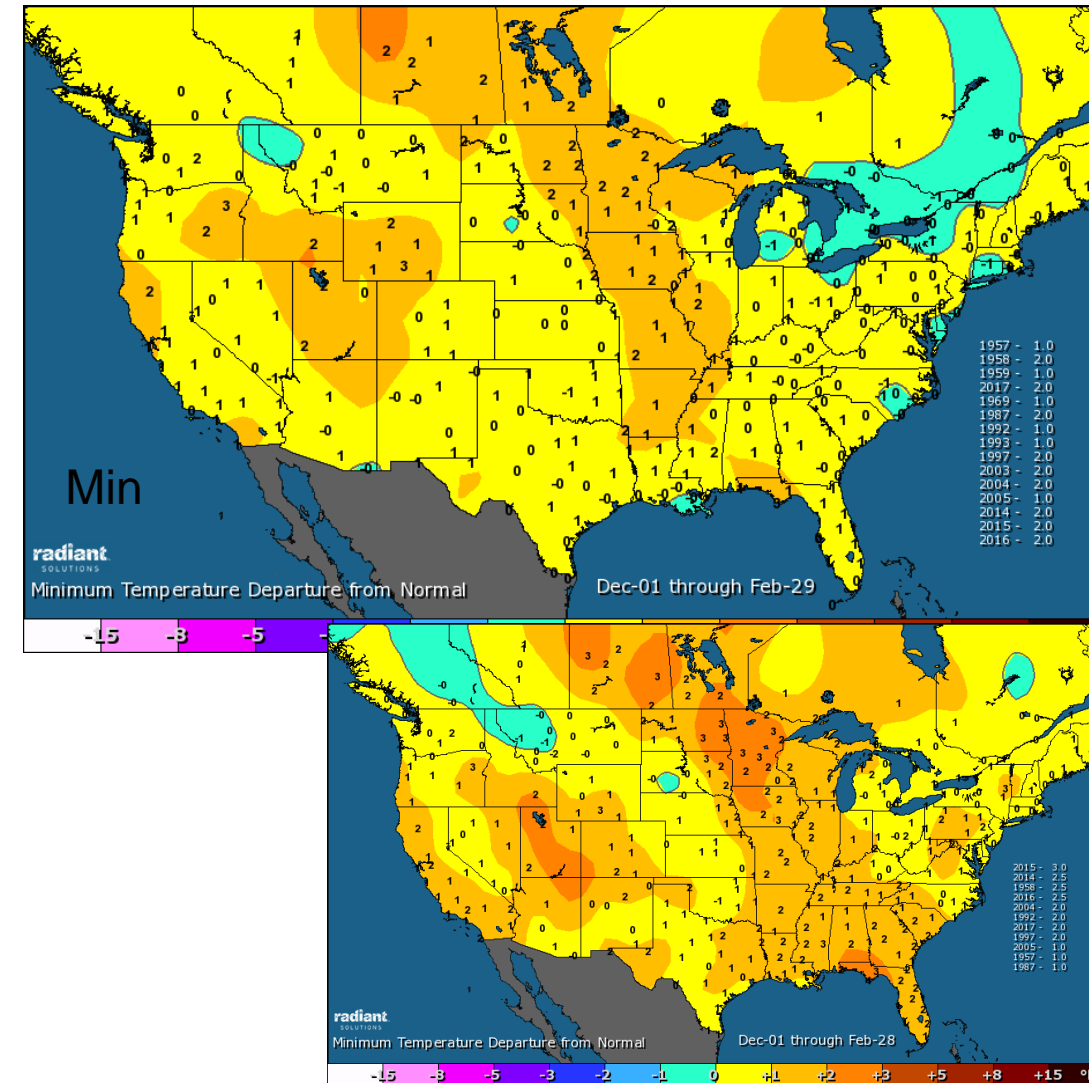
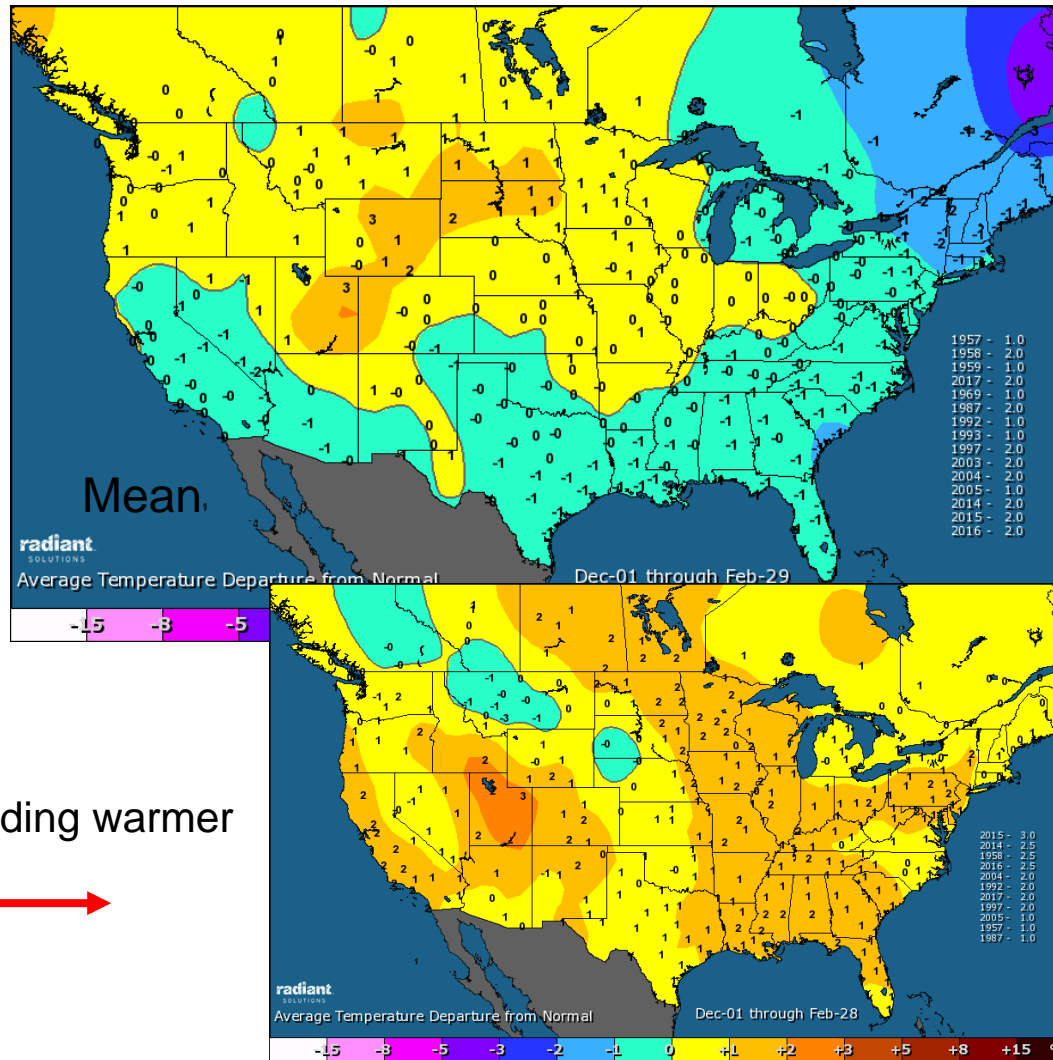


(All based on 30-year normal)



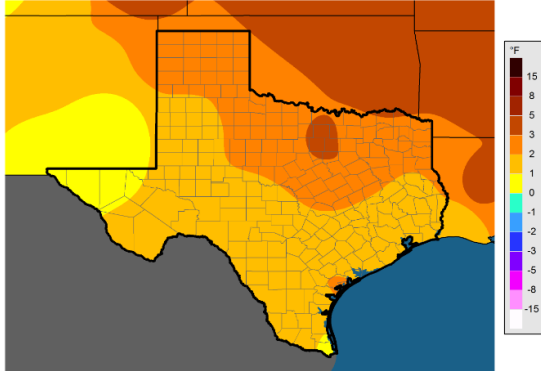
Preliminary Winter 2019-20 Temperature Outlook

Analog weighted consensus:



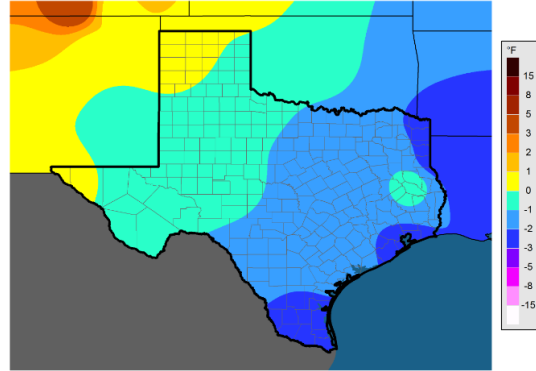
Historical Matches (Analog)

Average Temperature (°F) Departure from 20151201 to 20160228 - Fifteen Year Average

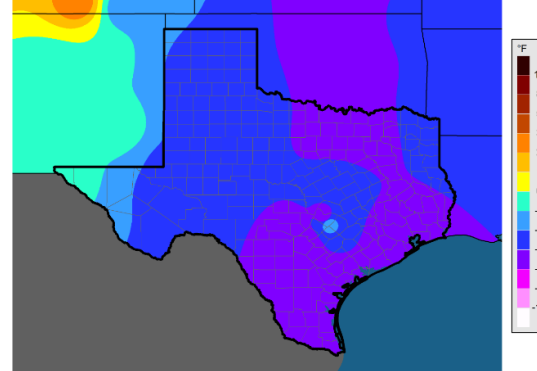


2015-16 (116th/106th coldest) 2014-15 (67th/101st)

Average Temperature (°F) Departure from 20141201 to 20150228 - Fifteen Year Average

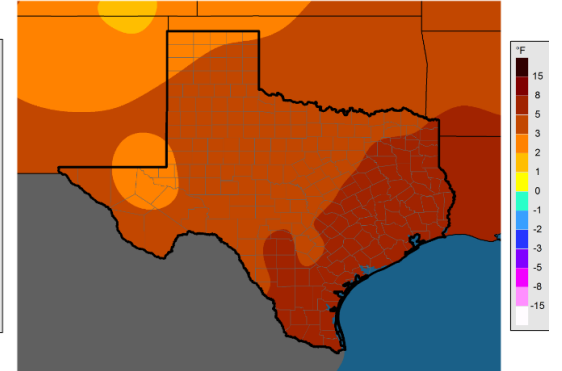


Average Temperature (°F) Departure from 19581201 to 19590228 - Fifteen Year Average



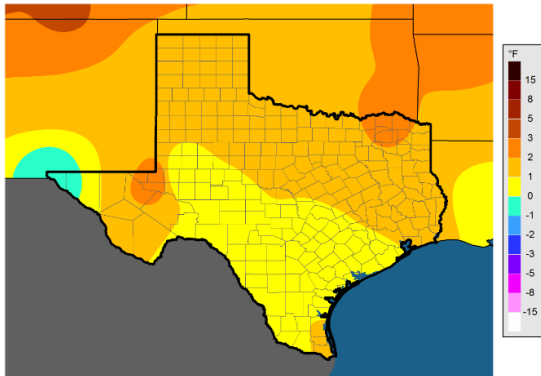
1958-59 (35th/22nd)

Average Temperature (°F) Departure from 20161201 to 20170228 - Fifteen Year Average



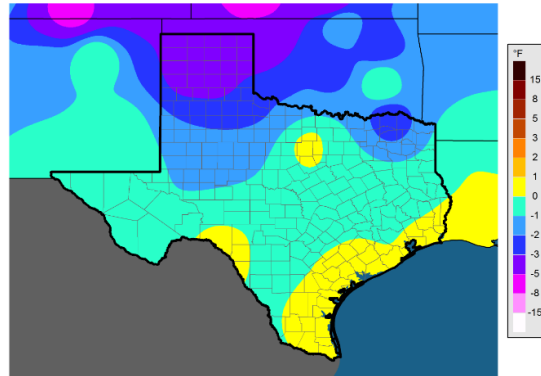
2016-17 (124th/124th)

Average Temperature (°F) Departure from 20041201 to 20050228 - Fifteen Year Average



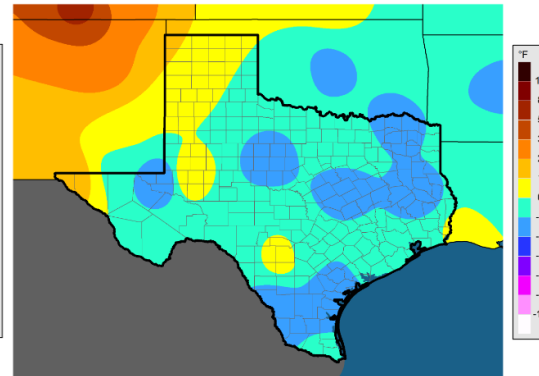
2004-05 (107th/119th)

Average Temperature (°F) Departure from 19921201 to 19930228 - Fifteen Year Average



1992-93 (71st/101st)

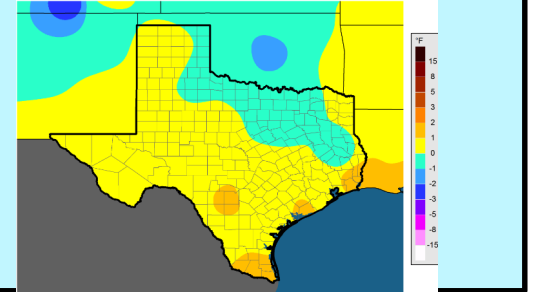
Average Temperature (°F) Departure from 20171201 to 20180228 - Fifteen Year Average



2017-18 (75th/67th)

Last winter ranked 93rd/109th
(mean/min) coldest; this
winter could be similar.

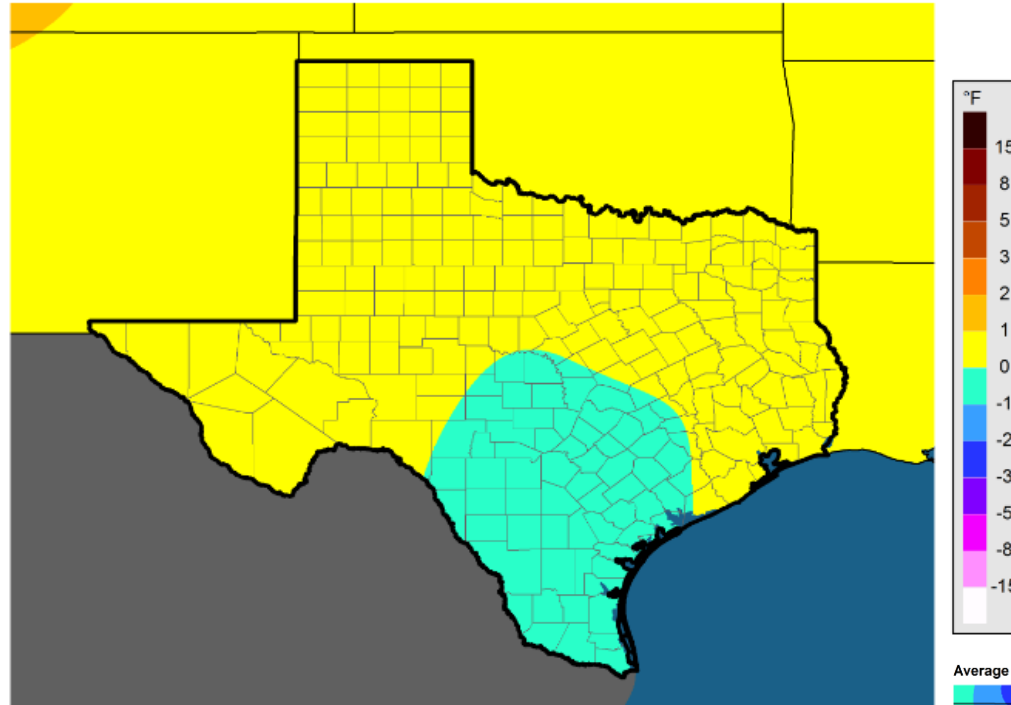
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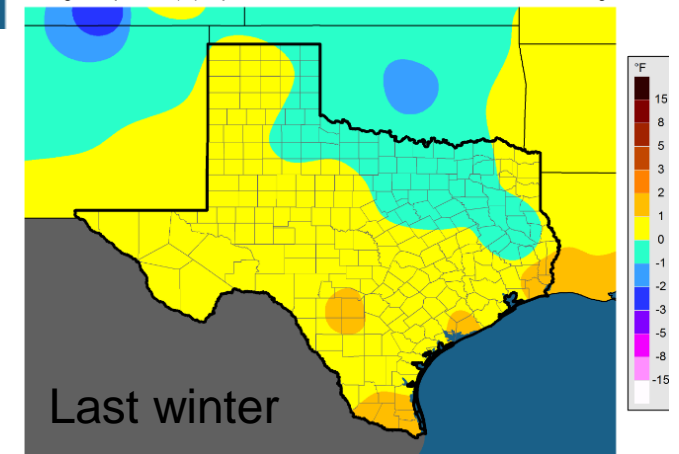
Preliminary Winter 2019-20 Temperature Outlook

- **Unlikely to see a winter that ranks among the top third coldest** of all-time (2013-14 is the most recent winter that ranked that cold)
- Can't yet rule out a finalized, colder forecast (1987-88), which would be on the cusp of the coldest third and colder than last winter
- Preliminary forecast has been trending warmer/milder
- **Mild winters can – and oftentimes do – have very cold periods!**

Fifteen Year Avg Temperature Anomaly in °F from 1201 to 0228



Average Temperature (°F) Departure from 20181201 to 20190228 - Fifteen Year Average



Precipitation Ranking of Recent Winters (Texas)

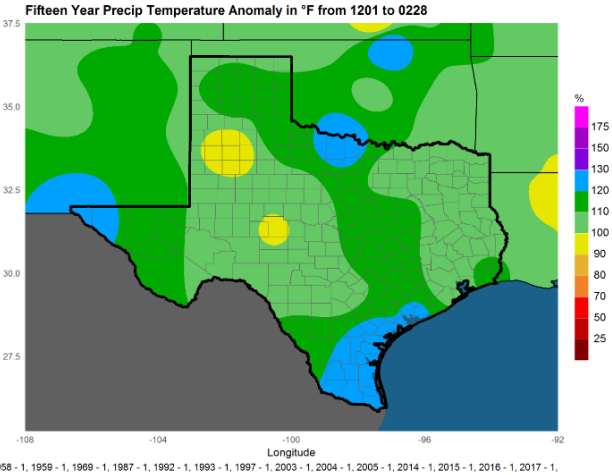
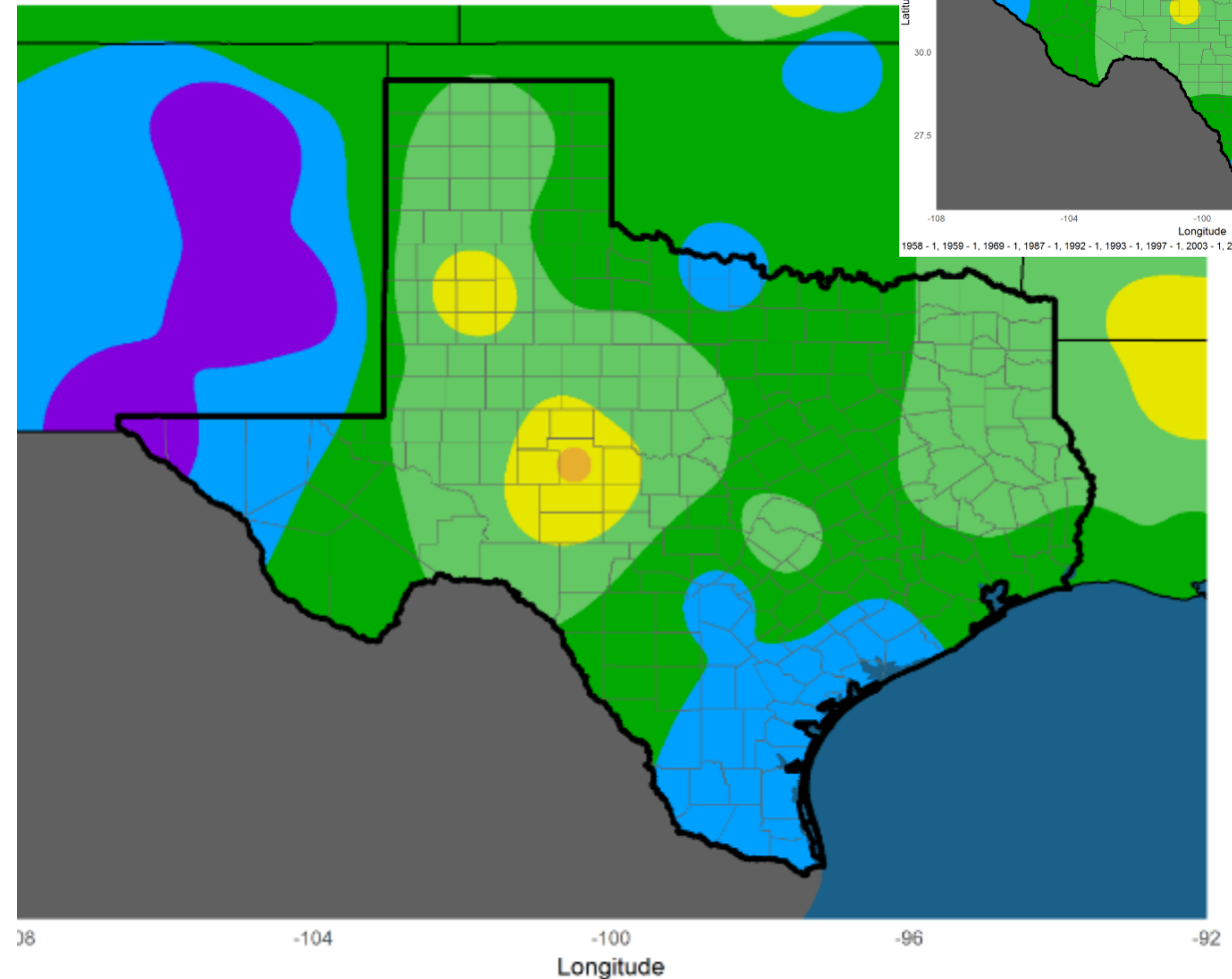
2018-19	87th driest (out of 124)
2017-18	71 st
2016-17	94th
2015-16	56 th
2014-15	70 th
2013-14	11th
2012-13	60 th
2011-12	114th
2010-11	17th
2009-10	113th
2008-09	1st driest

Last dry winter was 2013-14 (during long-term drought)

Winter 2019-20 Precipitation Outlook

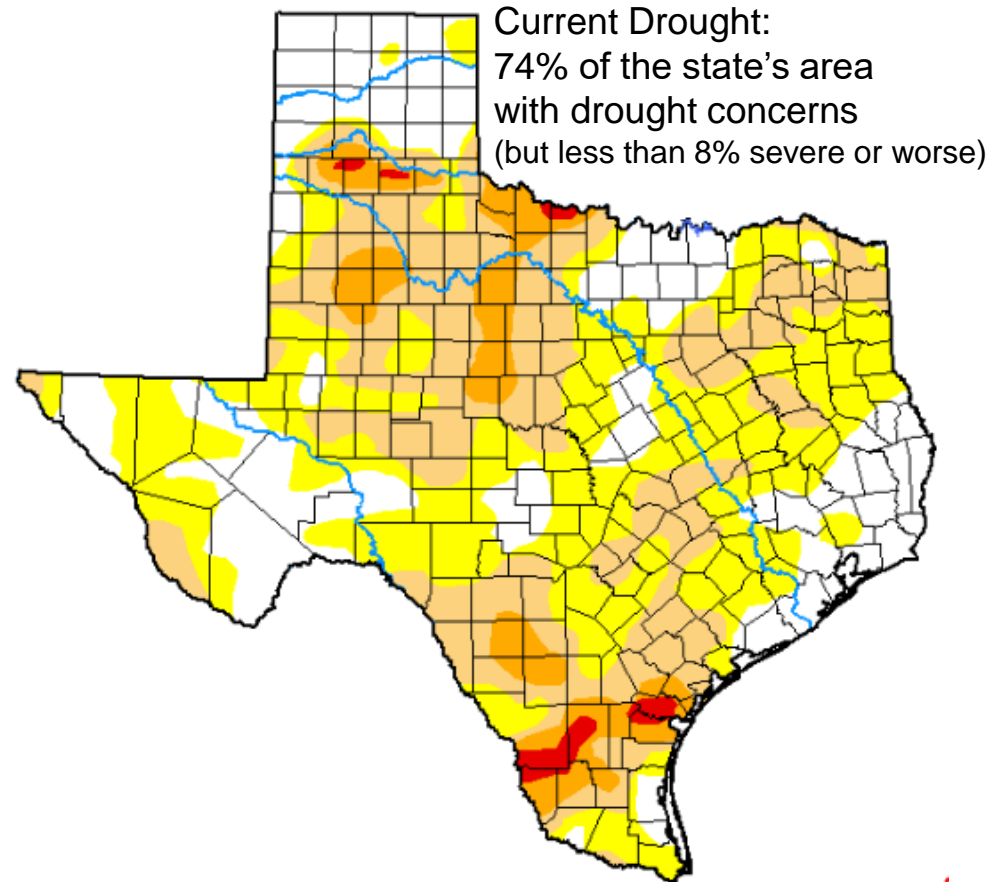
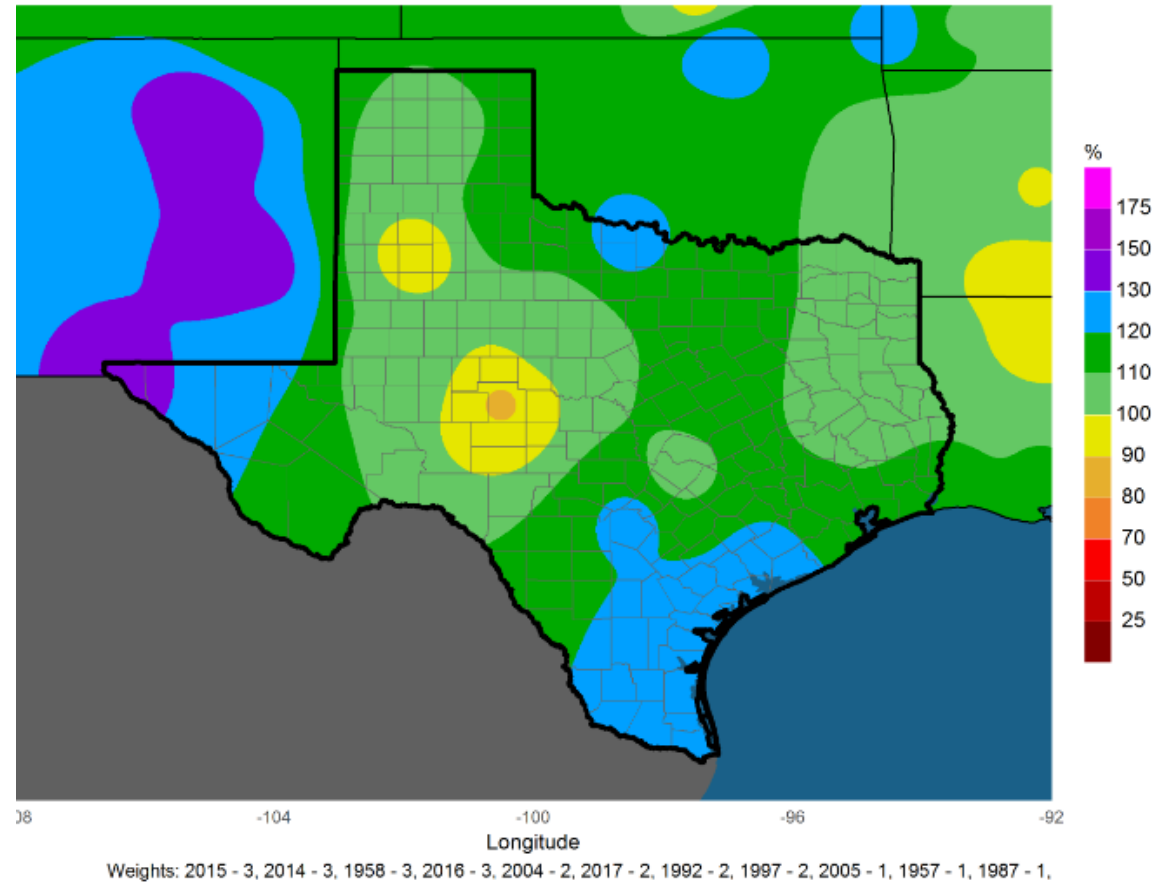
- We are still in a pattern that supports wet winters over dry
- I wouldn't expect widespread, severe drought conditions to continue to expand and intensify late in the year and extend into the start of 2020 (even given the current summertime drier conditions)

Fifteen Year Precip Temperature Anomaly in °F from 1201 to 022



Winter 2019-20 Precipitation Outlook vs Drought

Fifteen Year Precip Temperature Anomaly in °F from 1201 to 0228



General improvements to drought are expected late in 2019, early in 2020

Winter Weather Outlook Summary

- This is preliminary. The winter forecast will be finalized by November
- At this time, mixed messages if this coming winter will be warmer or colder than last winter – but current forecast trend is warmer
- The 2019-20 winter is most likely to either fall in the warmest third or middle third of winter rankings. Least likely is the coldest third
- Current pattern supports daytime high temperatures to be more anomalously cold than nighttime/morning low temperatures
- Continued opportunities for a relatively wet pattern with decreasing drought concerns
- **Even the mildest/warmest winters are capable of producing a period of extreme to record breaking cold.** Winter is a much more volatile weather pattern than the summer season. Extreme cold can only be forecast in the shorter-term – not long-range, several month out forecasts

