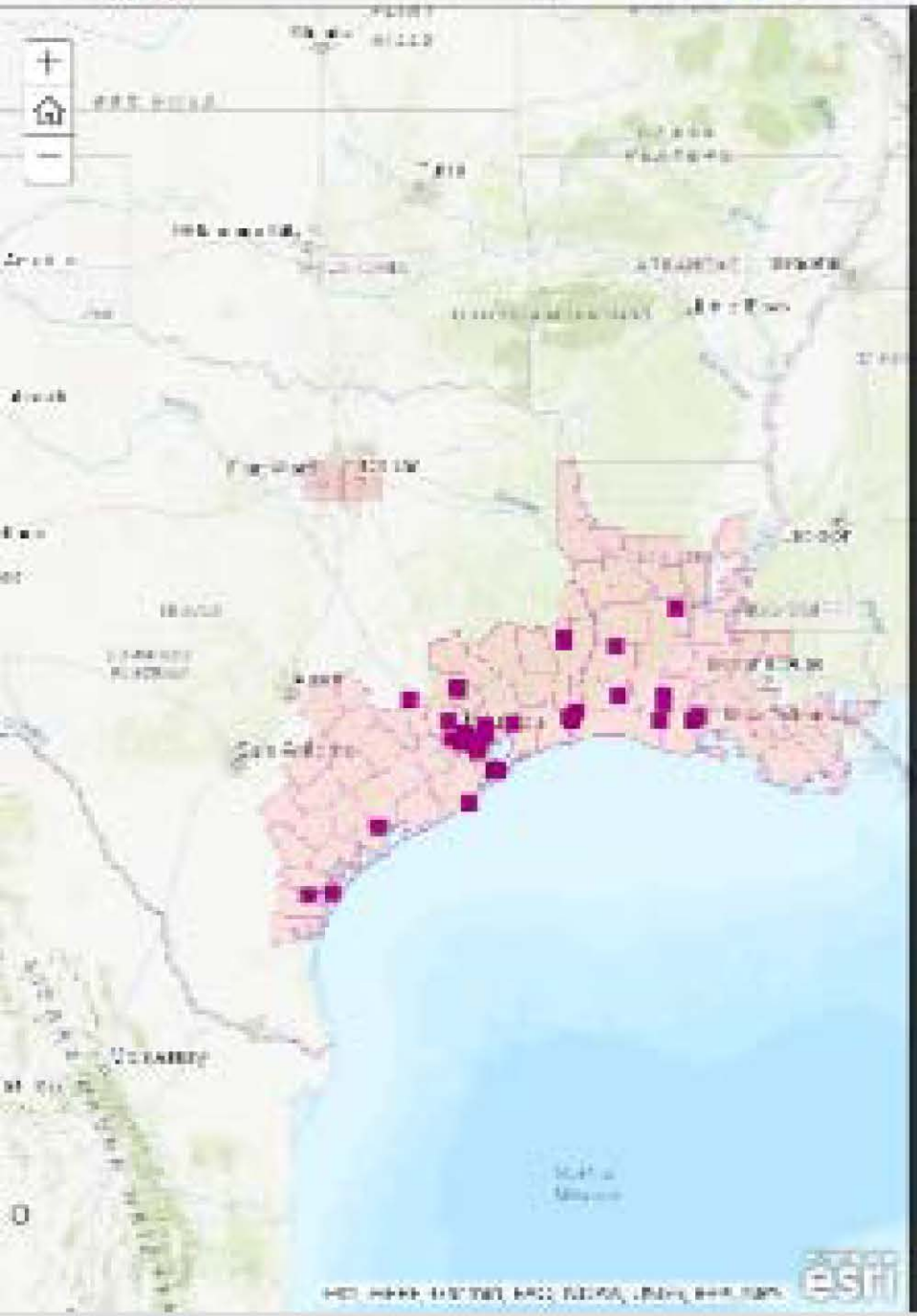

Response Due Hurricane Harvey

EPA's Response to Hurricane Harvey

HOW IS EPA ASSESSING POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO SUPERFUND SITES?

EPA completed site assessments at all 43 Superfund sites affected by the storm. Of these sites, two (San Jacinto and U.S. Oil Recovery) require additional assessment efforts. Assessments of these sites will take several days to complete.

The San Jacinto Waste Pits site has a temporary armored cap designed to prevent inspection of hazardous material. EPA remedial manager is onsite and overseeing the assessment. Crews continue to surveying portions of the cap that are submerged. Some areas that rock been displaced and liner is exposed. The potential responsible party has mobilized heavy equipment and is placing rock on different places on the armored cap to repair the defensive surface. The liner is in place and functional so we don't have any indication that the underlying waste materials have been exposed. If we find an breach in the exposed liner, we direct the responsible party to collect samples to determine if any materials have been released. Also, EPA has done teams to survey the cap underwater if needed.

Work to address flood water from the storm have continued at the U.S. Oil Recovery site with new vacuum trucklands of approximately 45,000 gallons of captured flood water being removed and shipped offsite for disposal. No sheen or odor was observed in the overflowing water, and an additional tank is being used to maintain [illegible] flood water on site.

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