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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Agents

RE: **WPI-8 Windstorm Building Code Certificates are now available on the Texas Department of Insurance (T.D.I.) Web site**

Please read and route to interested personnel in your agency!

The Texas Department of Insurance (T.D.I.) has announced a new Web based lookup feature available to Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (T.W.I.A.) insureds', agents, engineers, and others to determine windstorm building code certificate of compliance history for structures located in the T.W.I.A. catastrophe designated area. A 'Windstorm Building Code Certificate of Compliance', is also known as a 'WPI-8'.

By entering a property's address in the search field provided on the T.D.I. Web site, the information returned will advise you of all the windstorm certificates of compliance (WPI-8's) for that address on file at T.D.I. In addition each windstorm certificate of compliance can be individually opened for more details, including the applicable wind code used for that certification, the date of certification, and the engineer of record, if applicable. NOTE: A handy on screen link takes the user to a list of phone numbers on file for T.D.I. appointed/approved engineers.

Any certificate viewed on line may be printed for submission to T.W.I.A. by clicking on the red "Reprint Certificate" button. It is still the responsibility of the agent and/or insured to provide all applicable WPI-8 windstorm certificates of compliance. Web site lookup alleviates the need to call T.D.I. and ask for a reprint, since agents and insureds can do it from their own computer.

Try out this new feature at the T.D.I. Web site. Enter www.tdi.state.tx.us. Click on the link titled "Application status and Reprint Certificates" found in the blue box at the top of T.D.I.'s Home page. Once you've clicked to the search site, you may want to save it as a "favorite" for easy access in the future.

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