



Thousands flee ahead of Rita

Almost 2 million people in Texas and Louisiana were under orders to evacuate. Hurricane Rita is still pumping out 140-mile-an-hour winds, a 15-to-20-foot storm surge, large, battering waves and a foot or more of rain.

SOURCES: Census Bureau; NOAA; Weather Underground; Department of Energy; Information Administration; Louisiana Geographic Information Center; ESRI AP

<AP> **HURR RITA GULF 2 092305**; UPDATES WITH POSITION OF HURRICANE RITA, MAJOR EVACUATION ROUTES AND STORM ADVISORIES: map shows population density in the Gulf Coast region, oil and natural gas platforms and refineries, major evacuation routes, storm advisories and the projected path of Hurricane Rita; with BC-Rita; 4c x 4 1/2 inches; 195.7 mm x 114 mm; , CK, WJC, YY; ETA 9 a.m. </AP>



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