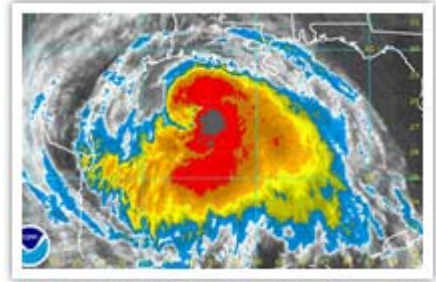


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**CRAMER JOHNSON WIGGINS AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
ANNOUNCES OPENING OF STORM OFFICE IN HOUSTON, IN RESPONSE TO DAMAGE IN
TEXAS FROM HURRICANE IKE**

Hurricane Ike slammed the Texas coast on Saturday, flattening houses, flooding hundreds of miles and leaving a wide trail of destruction in its wake. Ike has left about 2.4 million people in Texas without power. The storm has also idled about 25% of the country's crude oil production and fuel refining capacity. Ike is predicted to be the third-costliest storm to hit U.S. after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and Andrew in 1992, with one estimate putting the damage at more than \$10 billion.



In response to the damage in Texas, CJW has opened a storm office in Houston.

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