

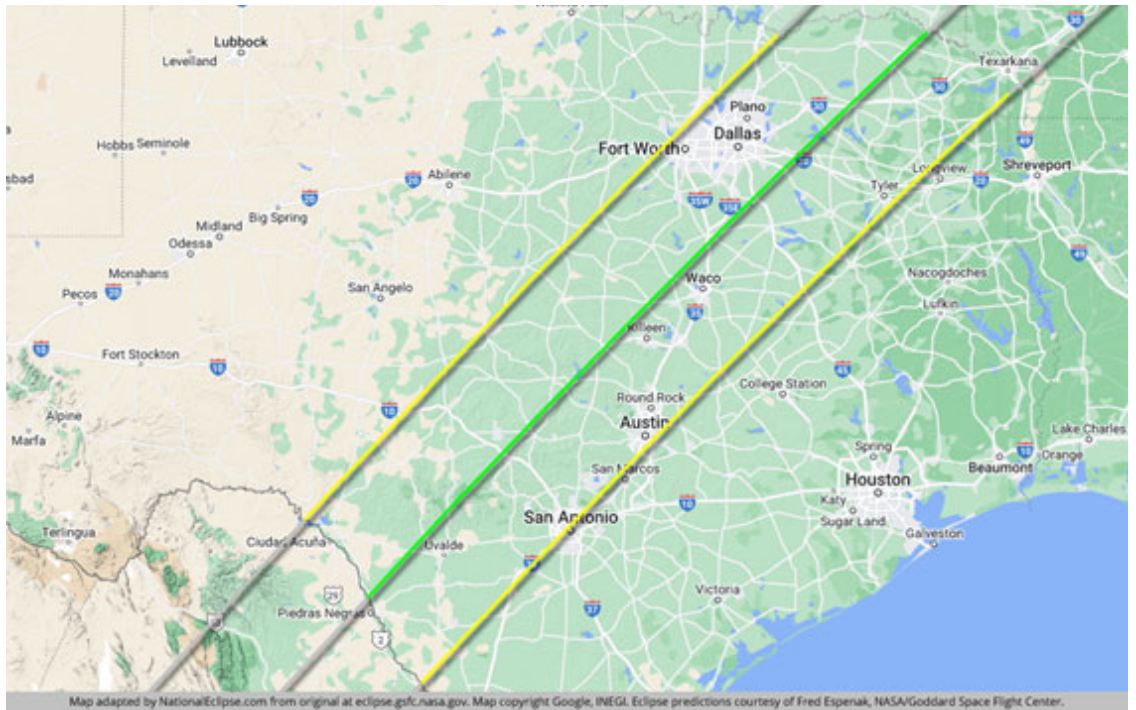


# RISK ALERT

## March 22, 2024

### TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE - APRIL 8, 2024

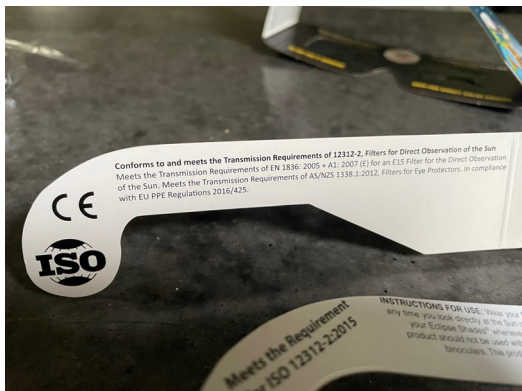
Millions of Texas will be able to see the total eclipse of the sun on April 8, 2024. The path of totality, illustrated below, takes in a wide swath of Texas from the Valley to the Red River. Although this amazing event may not have a large impact on the safety of your operations, there are some hazards that could affect your employees and clients. One of the potential hazards being predicted is serious traffic jams in rural areas where people are trying to get an unobstructed or longer view of the eclipse. The duration of the eclipse ranges from just a minute or two up to over four minutes. The urge to drive may be greatly enhanced by cloud cover. If you have to drive, leave in plenty of time to get where you want to go, be careful, and be patient. Driving home afterwards may be just as vexing. Staff who are out in the field should plan their calls and routes to avoid potentially dangerous traffic. Reschedule or avoid field work on April 8.



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Viewing the eclipse also poses danger to your eyes. Do not look directly at the sun and its blazing corona. Use an indirect view like a projection on a piece of white paper through binoculars or a telescope. If you do look directly at the sun, use special glasses that are rated safe for solar viewing. Special sizes for children are also available. Amazon and Wal-Mart list them on their web sites.



The glasses should have an "ISO" mark on them to certify they meet standards for viewing an eclipse.

If you can see the event in your backyard and don't have to travel that is the safest way. Enjoy the rare spectacle and be safe.