

nees@UTexas Scheduling Guidelines and Policies

- a. The nees@UTexas Site is operated on a first come, first served basis. However, the nees@UTexas Project Management Team (PMT) may adjust the test schedules to reduce conflicts and operation costs accordingly.
- b. A standard nees@UTexas work day consists of 8 hours of operation, generally between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm local time. These hours include time incurred traveling to and from the project site and time required for vehicle safety maintenance and refueling the shaker (~ 1 hour a day). Exceptions to this policy must be made in writing in advance and agreed upon by the nees@UTexas PMT. In most of cases, a shaker vibrates about 6 hours each day.
- c. It is strongly discouraged to operate shakers more than 6 hours a day in the field. Mental fatigue of the shaker operator can reduce his/her ability to react to incidents, which can raise safety concerns.
- d. Field work should not operate after dark without proper lighting.
- e. Users are responsible for overtime hours pay incurred by nees@UTexas personnel during extended hours of operation.
- f. T-Rex and Liquidator are operated at a pressure as high as 3,000 psi with a force output as high as 60,000 lb and 20,000 lb, respectively. Components are subjected to high pressure and high acceleration for a long period of time. Therefore, approximately 20% of the time in the field should be dedicated to maintenance. User(s) should plan for this and should cover the time and cost of these maintenance operations.
- g. If a project extends through a weekend, users are responsible for either (1) costs for nees@UTexas personnel to travel home or (2) lodging, per diem and rental car for the personnel to stay at the project location. nees@UTexas personnel will not work through weekend. A written approval from the nees@UTexas PMT is required for weekend operation.
- h. All safety guidelines detailed in the nees@UTexas Safety Handbook must be strictly followed.