

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
Oil and Gas Division

NOTICE TO OPERATORS

**Application to Operate Commercial Oil and Gas Waste
Separation Facility**

An oil and gas waste separation facility is a facility where oil and gas waste is separated into its solid and liquid components prior to its disposal at off-site facilities. Typically, the liquids are disposed of via deep-well injection and the solids are disposed of at a landfill. If an operator of a separation facility receives compensation from others for the separation of the oil and gas waste and the primary business purpose of the facility is to provide these services for compensation, the facility is considered a commercial oil and gas waste separation facility.

These types of operations, whether oil and gas waste is contained in a pit(s) and/or above ground tank(s), is considered to be disposal under Rule 8. The management practices are undertaken for the explicit purpose of facilitating disposal. Permits are required under Rule 8 and financial security is required under Rule 78.

An application to operate a Commercial Oil and Gas Waste Separation Facility must be filed in the Austin Office with a copy to the appropriate District Office.

Information for filing a Commercial Oil and Gas Waste Separation Facility Application is now available on the Commission website at
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/forms/publications/SurfaceWasteManagementManual/index.php>.

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Please Forward to the Appropriate Section of Your Company
