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Our mission is to serve Texas by our stewardship of natural resources and the environment, our concern for personal and community safety, and our support of enhanced development and economic vitality for the benefit of Texans.

RRC Continues Track Record of **Exceeding** Performance Targets

No priority is higher for the Railroad Commission than protection of public safety and the environment, which is reflected in our robust inspection programs. Among the areas the RRC has excelled is in pipeline safety special investigations. The agency completed 2,043 investigations in Fiscal Year 2021. The Legislature’s fiscal year target measure for the agency was 1,200 accident and special investigations.

This is the seventh year in a row the RRC exceeded that legislative goal.

The agency enforces both state and federal regulations for more than 248,000 miles of intrastate pipelines, including natural gas and LP-gas distribution lines, hazardous liquid and natural gas transmission lines, and hazardous liquid and natural gas regulated gathering lines.

In addition to regular comprehensive inspections, special investigations involve program evaluations of nearly 1,600 operators in the state on behalf of the federal Pipeline Safety and Hazardous Materials Administration.



RRC Finishes Ahead of Well Plugging Target for Fifth Consecutive Year

Another example of our performance target success is the State Managed Plugging Program. While the majority of operators responsibly plug their wells when production has ceased, RRC’s State Managed Plugging Program steps up if operators abandon oil and gas wells.

We have now exceeded the Legislature’s target for plugging orphaned oil and gas wells for the fifth straight fiscal year.

The total for FY 21 included a notable collaboration with the National Park Service to plug wells at the Padre Island National Seashore near Corpus Christi. The work received funding from the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

Fiscal Year	Legislative Goal	Actual Number
2017	875	918
2018	979	1,374
2019	979	1,710
2020	1,400	1,477
2021	1,400	1,453

Orphaned Wells Plugged: Goals vs Actual

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