

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.

Office of Public Engagement



The Office of Public Engagement (OPE) has hit the ground running. OPE and other RRC staff visited Roosevelt Elementary in San Antonio on Career Day. RRC shared employment opportunities in the energy industry and agency to over 300 second, third, fourth and fifth graders.

The job market within the Texas Oil and Gas industry continues to climb. In March 2023, the upstream industry saw growth to 198,700 jobs. That number continues to increase as April saw another significant spike to 199,400.

“It’s the future we are looking towards getting them to know what we are doing and what kinds of jobs we will need in the future,” said Lorenzo Garza, Oil and Gas Division Deputy Assistant Director for Administrative Compliance. “It was fun to see their exuberance.”

The students did their research in advance and knew the RRC no longer has jurisdiction over railroads and were excited about jobs related to geology and surface mining and being inspectors.

“It is very important to talk to children because they are citizens of Texas too. They need to know our mission,” said Michelle Banks, Director Office of Public engagement.

The Office of Public Engagement assists the public in navigating Commission proceedings of all types and further enhances public access to Commission information. This team engages with the public through direct outreach and education to facilitate greater understanding of Commission processes and solicit broader participation in matters before the Commission.

