



The Oil and Gas Division oversees Texas' oil and natural gas exploration and production activities. Our regulatory role involves ensuring operators are in compliance with Commission rules established to protect public safety and natural resources, and prevent waste of natural resources.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

Administrative Compliance:

- Issue organization reports (P5 forms) and accept operator financial assurance. These are the first steps required for anyone doing business under RRC's jurisdiction.
- Review applications and issue drilling permits for oil and natural gas wells & waste haulers.
- Collect and maintain production & well completion reports, well maps and other RRC required forms.

Field Operations:

- Maintain nine District Offices across Texas – Kilgore, Wichita Falls, Pampa; Abilene, San Angelo, Midland, Houston, Corpus Christi & San Antonio.
- Perform routine inspections, enforce RRC rules, respond to emergencies 24/7, respond to citizen complaints, witness well pluggings & installation of groundwater protection surface casing in wells.
- State Managed Cleanup Program; Voluntary Cleanup Program & Grant Cleanup Programs-Brownfields Response, Nonpoint Source & Texas Coastal Impact Assistance.
- Site Remediation of spill containment and clean-up, including pipeline spills.
- State managed well-plugging program.

Technical Permitting:

- Groundwater Advisory Unit sets requirements for surface casing to protect usable quality groundwater.
- Injection Storage Permits Section reviews permit applications for disposal wells; injection wells used to enhance oil & gas production; underground hydrocarbon storage wells & brine mining wells.
- Environmental Permits Unit reviews permit applications for surface management of oil & gas waste, reclamation, recycling & waste separation.



PUBLIC DATA & STATISTICS

- RRC Online Inspection Lookup (RRC OIL): 24/7 online query of inspection and violation data for oil and gas wells.
- Oil and Gas Production data
- Drilling permits & well completion data
- GIS Public Map Viewer: Use this to look up well & pipeline locations.



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