

# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION  
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## MEMORANDUM

July 9, 2025

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Chairman Jim Wright  
Commissioner Christi Craddick  
Commissioner Wayne Christian

**FROM:** David Lindley  
Assistant Director, Oil and Gas Division  
Field Operations

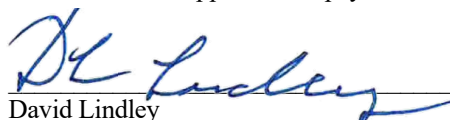
**SUBJECT:** Field Operations Section  
Monthly Report of State Managed Well Plugging Activities  
June 2025, FY 2025

Attached is the monthly report titled "State Managed Well Plugging Activities" for the Field Operations Section of the Oil and Gas Division. This report contains the following:

1. Monthly and cumulative performance measure summaries of the state managed well plugging activities of this Section.
2. Summary graphs of wells plugged, cost of wells plugged, number of salvage operations, and salvage proceeds.

The information contained in this report includes only those wells that have been physically plugged, invoiced by the plugging contractor, and approved for payment by Field Operations. Plugging operations are tracked daily to monitor the progress in meeting the FY 2025 workplan goal of plugging 1,000 wells. As of June 30, 2025, a total of 1,054 wells have been physically plugged, though not all of them have yet been invoiced and approved for payment.

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Attachments

  
David Lindley  
Assistant Director, Oil and Gas Division  
Field Operations

cc: (via email)  
Wei Wang, Executive Director  
Danny Sorrells, Director, Oil & Gas Division  
Megan Neal, Director, Office of General Counsel-Enforcement  
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
Oil and Gas Division  
Field Operations Section  
Monthly State Managed Plugging Activities  
June 2025

Outcome Measure: Percentage of Known Orphaned Wells Plugged with the Use of State Funds (State Managed Plugging/Orphaned Wells).

June	0.11 %
Fiscal Year-to-date	10.3 %
Performance Measure Goal	20.0 %

Output Measure: Number of Orphaned Wells Plugged with the Use of State Funds.

June	10
Fiscal Year-to-date	953
Performance Measure Goal	2,200

Output Measure: Total Aggregate Plugging Depth of Wells Plugged with the Use of State Funds.

June	32,975
Fiscal Year-to-date	2,419,514
Performance Measure Goal	4,400,000

Efficiency Measure: Average Number of Days to complete a State Managed Well Plugging. From Contract Award Date

June	116
Fiscal Year-to-date	39.5
Performance Measure Goal	50

Explanatory Measure: Number of Orphaned Wells Approved for Plugging with the Use of State Funds.

June	160
Fiscal Year-to-date	1,667
Performance Measure Goal	2,000

Explanatory Measure: Number of Known Orphaned Wells in Non-compliance with the Commission's Plugging Rule.

June	9,270
Performance Measure Goal	7,000

Explanatory Measure: Number of Wells Plugged, by Operators, Without the Use of State Funds.

June	608
Fiscal Year-to-date	5,604
Performance Measure Goal	6,000

Explanatory measure: Percentage of Active Well Operators Who Have More Than 25% of Their Wells Inactive.

June	44.9 %
Performance Measure Goal	48.0 %

Explanatory measure: Numbered shut-in/inactive wells.

June	153,461
Performance Measure Goal	146,000

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**Oil Field Cleanup**

**Monthly State-Funded Plugging, Pollution Abatement and Salvage Activities**  
**Commissioners Report**  
**06/01/2025 to 06/30/2025**

**State-Funded Plugging Activities**

Number of wells approved for plugging this month	160
Estimated cost of approvals	\$ 8,863,970.00
Number of wells approved for this fiscal year	1667
Number of approved wells remaining to plug	3832
Estimated cost to plug remaining approvals	\$ 178,304,873.84
Number of pluggings completed this month	10
Total cost to plug wells completed this month	\$ 637,510.39
Number of pluggings completed this fiscal year	953
Cost of pluggings completed this fiscal year	\$ 40,450,477.34

**Pollution Abatement Activities**

Number of pollution abatements approved this month	2
Estimated cost of approvals	\$ 7,000.00
Number of pollution abatements approved for this fiscal year	35
Number of pollution abatements remaining	86
Estimated cost to pollution abatements remaining	\$ 845,760.00
Number of pollution abatements completed this month	4
Total cost of pollution abatements completed this month	\$ 15,164.82
Number of pollution abatements completed this fiscal year	36
Cost of pollution abatements completed this fiscal year	\$ 7,932,736.18

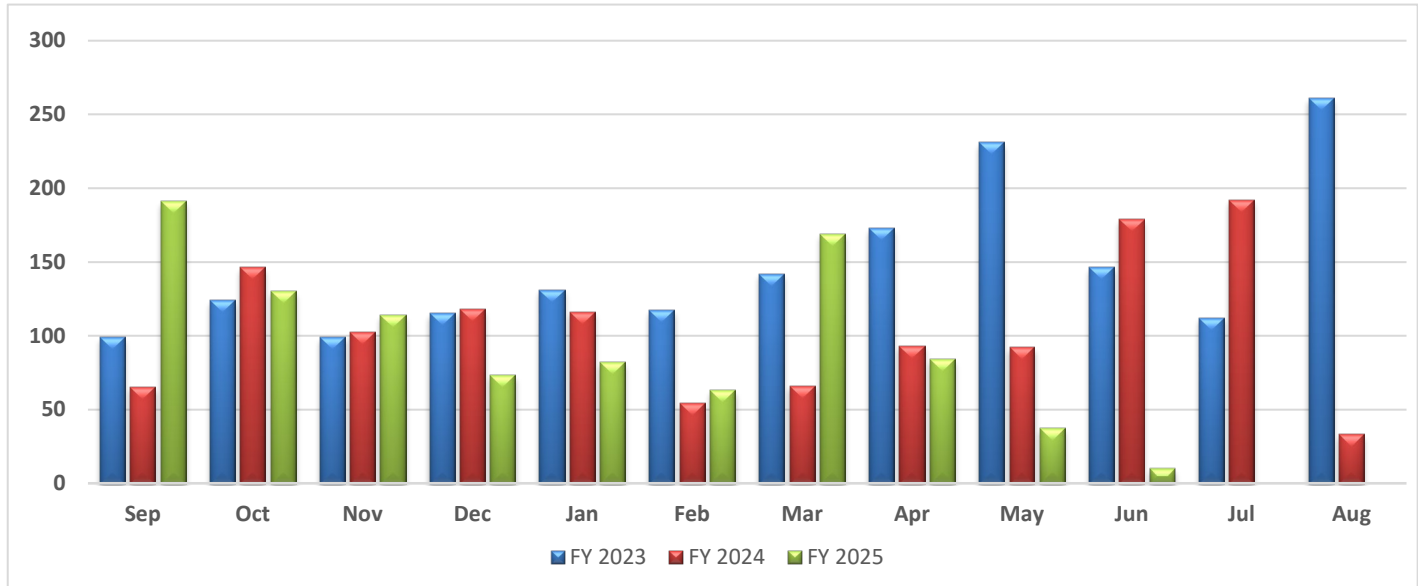
**Salvage Activities**

Number of salvage activities completed this month	38
Total proceeds received this month	\$ 126,059.54
Number of salvage activities completed this fiscal year	370
Total proceeds received this year	\$ 1,367,768.39

# State Managed Well Plugging Program

## Monthly Wells Plugged

### June 2025

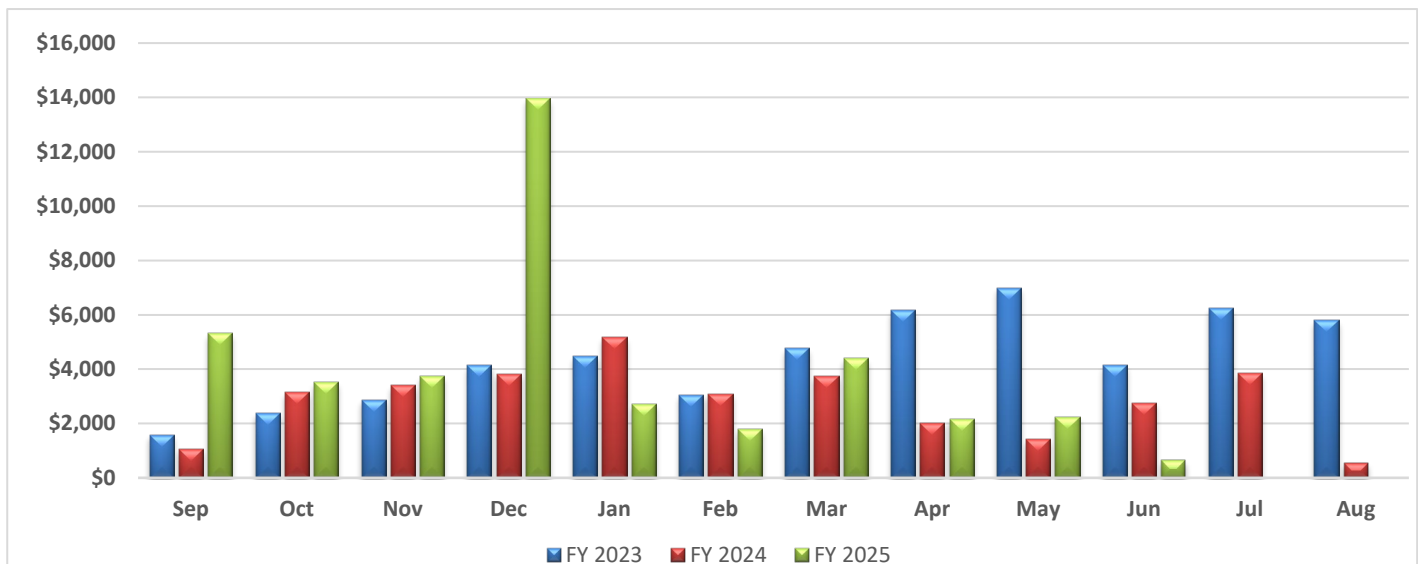


	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Tot
FY 2023	99	124	99	115	131	117	142	173	231	146	112	261	1,750
FY 2024	65	146	102	118	116	54	66	93	92	179	192	33	1,256
FY 2025	191	130	114	73	82	63	169	84	37	10			953

# State Managed Well Plugging Program

## Monthly Cost of Wells Plugged

### June 2025

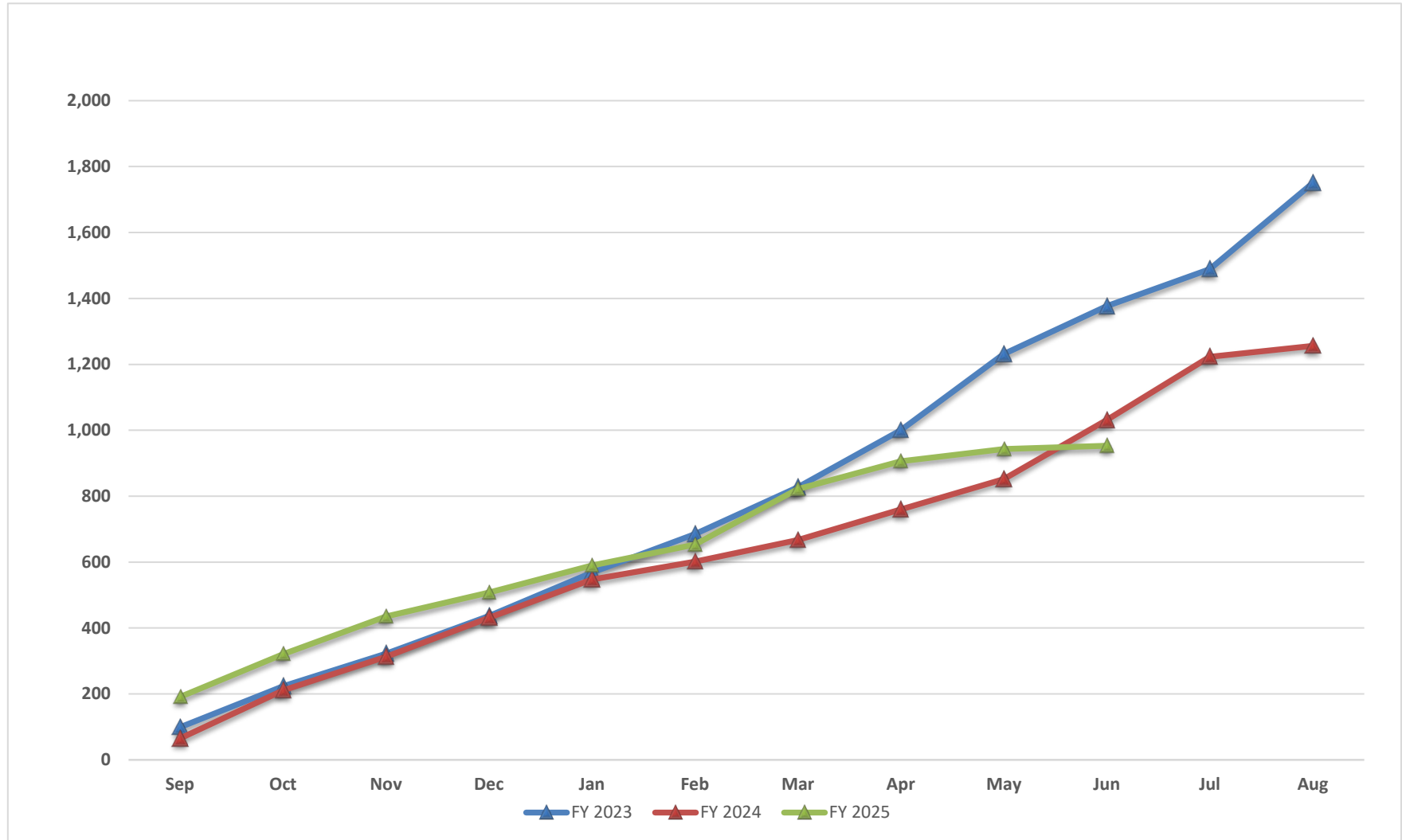


\$M	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Tot
FY 2023	\$1,578	\$2,360	\$2,858	\$4,132	\$4,478	\$3,051	\$4,766	\$6,164	\$6,985	\$4,142	\$6,238	\$5,790	\$52,541
FY 2024	\$1,065	\$3,140	\$3,400	\$3,822	\$5,161	\$3,090	\$3,730	\$2,017	\$1,417	\$2,760	\$3,849	\$550	\$34,001
FY 2025	\$5,321	\$3,515	\$3,728	\$13,952	\$2,712	\$1,785	\$4,389	\$2,170	\$2,240	\$638			\$40,450

# State Managed Well Plugging Program

## Cumulative Wells Plugged

### June 2025

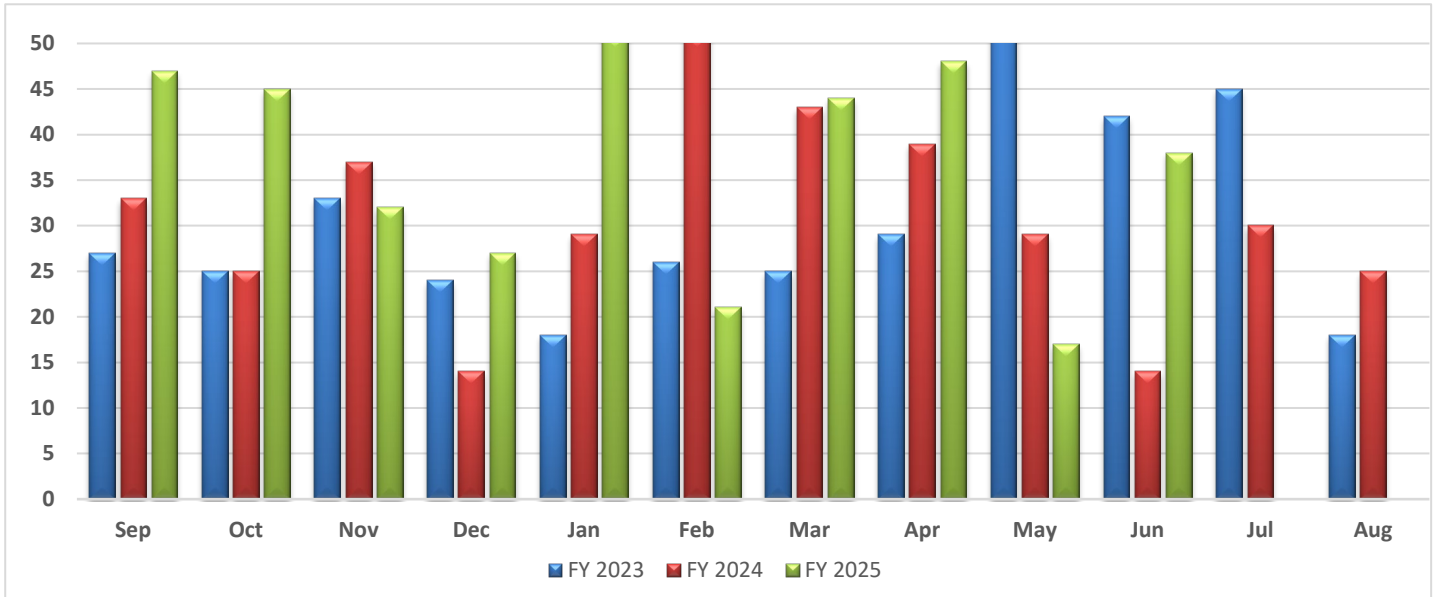


	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
FY 2023	99	223	322	437	568	685	827	1,000	1,231	1,377	1,489	1,750
FY 2024	65	211	313	431	547	601	667	760	852	1,031	1,223	1,256
FY 2025	191	321	435	508	590	653	822	906	943	953		

# State Managed Well Plugging Program

## Monthly Salvage Operations

### June 2025

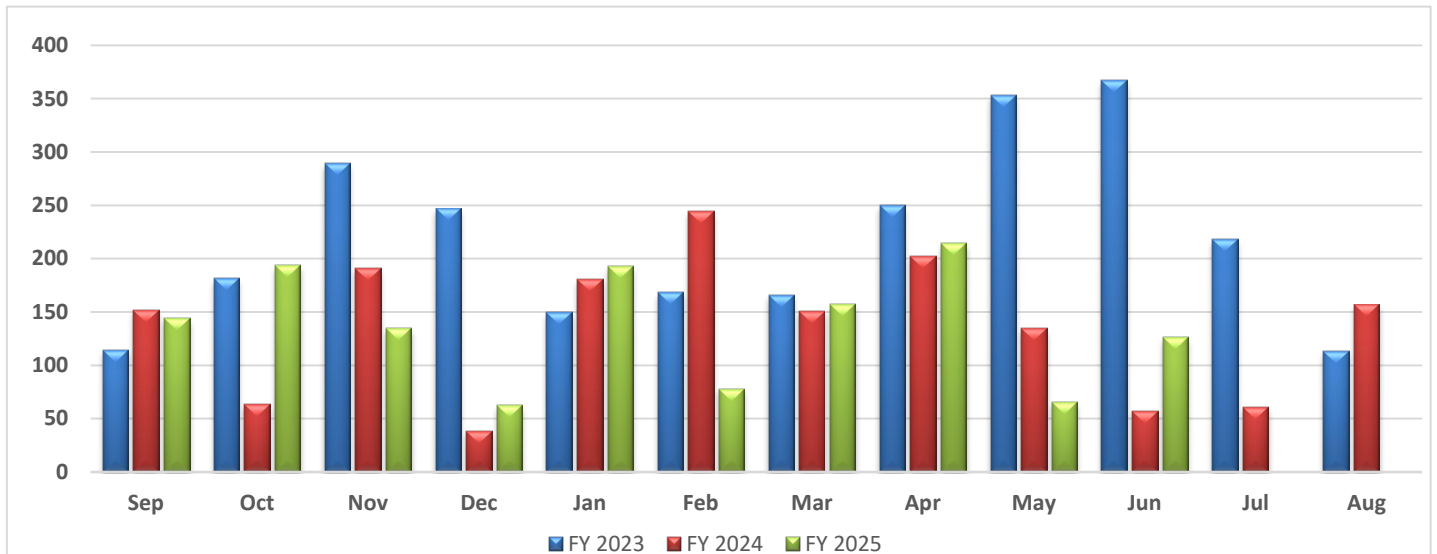


	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Tot
FY 2023	27	25	33	24	18	26	25	29	52	42	45	18	364
FY 2024	33	25	37	14	29	51	43	39	29	14	30	25	369
FY 2025	47	45	32	27	51	21	44	48	17	38			370

# State Managed Well Plugging Program

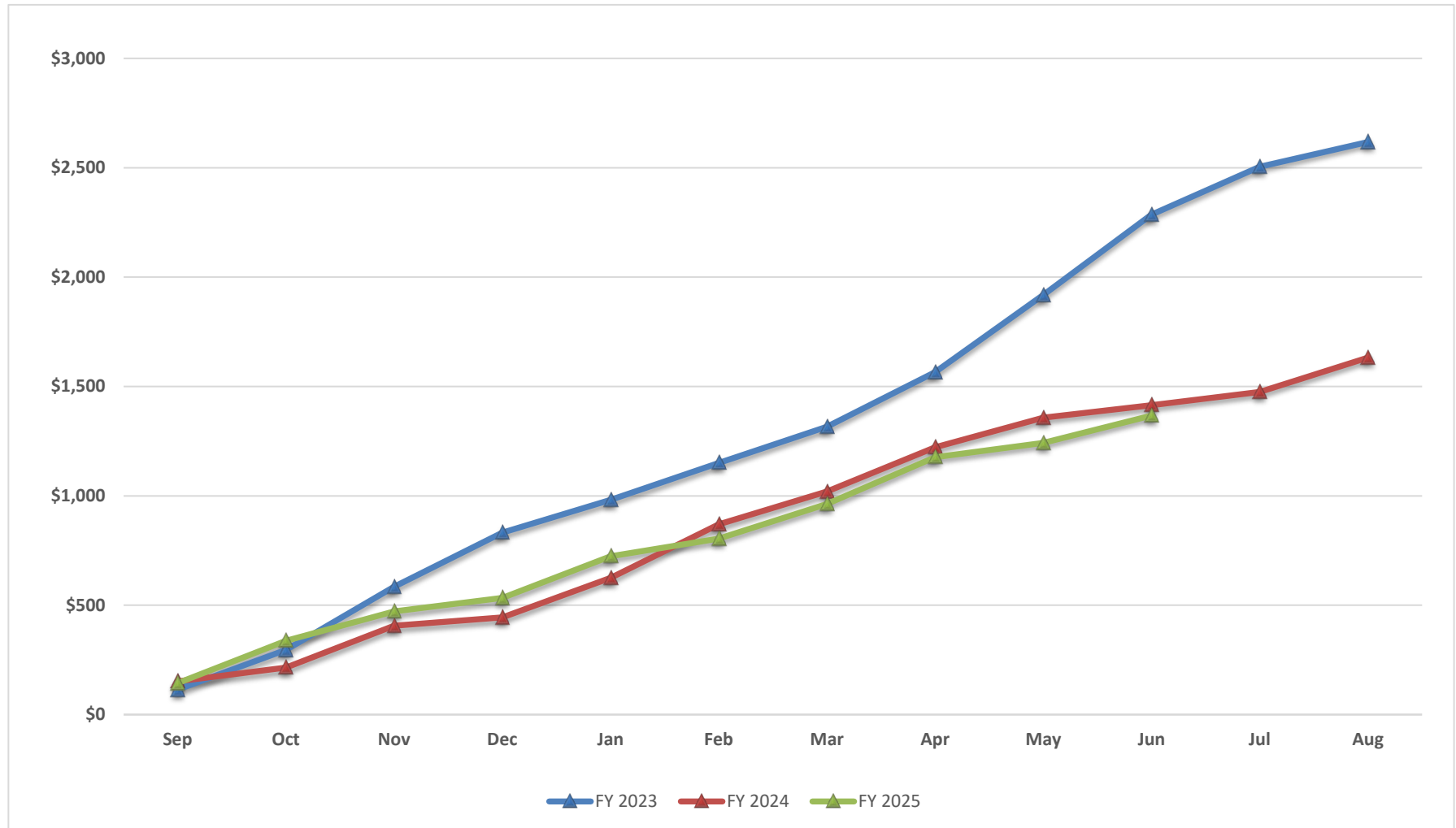
## Monthly Salvage Proceeds

### June 2025



\$M	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Tot
FY 2023	\$114	\$182	\$289	\$247	\$150	\$169	\$166	\$250	\$353	\$367	\$218	\$114	\$2,617
FY 2024	\$152	\$63	\$191	\$39	\$181	\$245	\$151	\$202	\$135	\$57	\$61	\$157	\$1,632
FY 2025	\$144	\$193	\$135	\$62	\$193	\$78	\$157	\$214	\$65	\$126			\$1,367

# State Managed Well Plugging Program Cumulative Salvage Proceeds June 2025



\$M	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
FY 2023	\$114	\$296	\$585	\$832	\$982	\$1,150	\$1,316	\$1,566	\$1,919	\$2,286	\$2,504	\$2,618
FY 2024	\$152	\$215	\$406	\$444	\$625	\$870	\$1,020	\$1,222	\$1,357	\$1,414	\$1,475	\$1,632
FY 2025	\$144	\$338	\$472	\$534	\$724	\$805	\$962	\$1,176	\$1,242	\$1,367		