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Signal Peak in Howard County
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RRC Open Meeting May 13, 2025

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WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES WEBINARS

As we approach the July 1 implementation date for the newly adopted Chapter 4 Rules on oil and gas waste management, we encourage operators to view the educational webinars now available on our website at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-and-gas/workshops-and-conferences/>

The pre-recorded webinars each run approximately 30-50 minutes and cover the following topics:

- Session One, entitled *Chapter 4 Overview*, highlights what's to come when the newly adopted rules go into effect.
- Session Two, entitled *Authorized Pits*, covers authorized pit registration, review of the proposed Authorized Pit Registration form, and the changes for produced water recycling pits.
- Session Three, entitled *Permitting Session 1*, discusses additional requirements for permitted pits, changes to Notice, and the proposed form revisions for applications.
- Session Four, entitled *Permitting Session 2*, is the final session and provides insight into waste transportation, compliance, and a look at the proposed new and revised forms and templates.

A photograph of an oil field at sunset or sunrise, with several pumpjacks visible against a red-tinted sky. The image is used as a background for the title.

TEXAS SETS NEW OIL & GAS PRODUCTION RECORDS IN 2024

AUSTIN – The RRC’s long history of common sense, science-based regulation of the oil and gas industry has safeguarded Texas communities and the environment while also fostering responsible production benefitting the state economy and America’s energy independence.

The Texas oil and gas industry continued a hot streak in 2024 with production volumes surpassing records that were set in 2023.

The Railroad Commission tallies production reports submitted by operators and the latest reports show these record-setting volumes in 2024:

- Oil production was 2,003,844,281 barrels, the first time it surpassed the two billion threshold; and
- Natural gas production was 12.62 trillion cubic feet.

“These latest records further demonstrate Texas’s position as a global leader in oil and gas production,” said RRC Chairman Christi Craddick. “This also proves that with sensible regulations backed by science and data, it is possible to achieve unmatched economic prosperity while at the same time upholding the mission to safeguard our communities and natural resources.”

“Texas oil and gas powers the state, nation and the world both with energy and economics,” said RRC Commissioner Wayne Christian. “The Texas ‘Economic Miracle’ happens because of oil and gas, which brings in hundreds of billions of dollars that has financially enriched the Lone Star State’s education, infrastructure, health care and more. Energy independence is key to a secure and prosperous nation, and Texas’ production is vital to making that a reality.



With President Donald Trump, America now has a federal government that will encourage U.S. oil and gas production, which will lead to more energy, cheaper costs and a stronger nation.”

“Yet another year of record-breaking energy production reinforces what Texans have long known - that Texas energy fuels our nation’s economy and those of our friends and allies across the globe,” said RRC Commissioner Jim Wright. “While Texas energy is utilized worldwide, it is our state and our citizens who truly benefit through the high paying jobs and severance tax revenue that these record setting production figures represent.”

Tax revenue from oil and gas production is funneled into major components of the state budget including public education, the Rainy Day Fund and transportation.

The 2024 production figures build on a recent trend of annual records as seen in the tables below.

Top 5 Oil Production Years (crude oil & condensate)

Year	Production
2024	2.00 billion barrels
2023	1.99 billion barrels
2022	1.87 billion barrels
2019	1.86 billion barrels
2020	1.77 billion barrels

Top 5 Gas Production Years (gas well & casinghead gas)

Year	Production
2024	12.62 trillion cubic feet
2023	12.30 trillion cubic feet
2022	11.43 trillion cubic feet
2021	10.51 trillion cubic feet
2020	10.24 trillion cubic feet



RRC RECORDS DIGITIZATION FAST APPROACHING 100 MILLION FILES

AUSTIN – The Railroad Commission of Texas continues to make great strides in digitizing oil and gas records as the agency improves both transparency and efficiency in its daily functions.

With more than 89.4 million records now digitized – up by more than six million since last October – the RRC is fast approaching 100 million records being added to its online digital archives by the end of this fiscal year. The accomplishment saves RRC staff significant man hours and reduces the processing time for routine records requests, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks that require more time to fulfill.

The RRC has nearly a century's worth of oil and gas records on file and has been tirelessly working to digitize and upload this vast trove of paper and microfilm

information to make it more easily available to the public who can now access them online rather than having to travel in person to the RRC's Central Records office in Austin or hire a consultant to search the records for them.

“This milestone represents a major step forward for the Railroad Commission and for government transparency and efficiency,” said Chairman Christi Craddick. “When I took office, the agency relied on decades-old technology. Modernizing our IT systems has been a top priority of mine – increasing efficiency within the agency and ensuring greater transparency and easier access to data and records for all Texans. Reaching nearly 100 million digitized records is a clear sign of our continued success in fully bringing the world's oldest regulatory agency into the 21st century.”



“For years now, the Railroad Commission has been rapidly modernizing our agency to meet the demands of the technological age. Texas oil and gas leads the industry in innovation, so it’s imperative that its regulator does the same,” said Commissioner Wayne Christian. “I want to commend our agency’s staff for their hard work digitizing the RRC, which will streamline government allowing our producers more time to do what they do best—produce cheap, affordable, and reliable energy.”

“Agency efficiency is a priority for the Railroad Commission,” said Commissioner Jim Wright. “This digitalization effort not only improves the efficiency of Commission staff but allows greater access for all Texans to review and search the Railroad Commission’s vast trove of records. I want

to thank the Railroad Commission staff involved in this effort for their tireless work to improve access to this important information.”

Documents that have been digitized range from oil and gas production and well completion records to hearing files, well status reports and various types of permits. These records are routinely used by researchers, landowners, royalty owners, energy companies and public information requesters.

Records that have been digitized can be found on the RRC’s website.

[VIEW THE DIGITIZED RECORDS](#)

2025 REGULATORY CONFERENCE JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY!

The RRC's most popular conference, the annual Regulatory Conference, kicks off in July, and the time to register is winding down.

The conference will be held July 14-16 in Round Rock, Texas at the Kalahari Resorts & Conventions Center. Early registration ends May 16 and late registration ends June 6.

Each year RRC staff utilizes the conference to inform and train oil and gas operators and representatives on the applicable laws, rules, and procedures for hydrocarbon production in Texas. This includes updates on rules, regulations and filings.

This conference will feature over 60 sessions covering a variety of topics including: RRC Mapping Automation; EPS Chapter 4 – New Forms, Compliance Reporting & Inspections, Class V Geothermal Injection Wells, organization reports and financial assurance; Class VI Wells Permitting Process; severance tax incentives; Pipeline Safety Damage Prevention Trends; Gas Gathering Rule; and much more.

In addition to RRC presenters, the conference will feature exhibitors showcasing related products and services from our industry.

Come network with exhibitors and attendees to be a valuable part of one of the premier oil and gas industry events in Texas.

MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION





Oil & Gas Production Statistics

View monthly production totals of crude oil, condensate and total oil; and of gas well gas, casinghead gas, and total natural gas.

[VIEW CURRENT PRODUCTION STATISTICS ▶](#)

Enforcement Actions

The Commission has primary oversight and enforcement of the state's oil and gas industry and intrastate pipeline safety. View RRC's Latest Enforcement Actions here.

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Public GIS Viewer

The Public GIS Viewer allows users to view oil, gas and pipeline data in a map view.

[LAUNCH THE PUBLIC GIS VIEWER ▶](#)