

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.

Spotlight on RRC Data Transparency Initiatives

The Railroad Commission has released several features on its website to improve public access to agency data and regulatory programs. Combined, these features allow legislative and congressional offices to look up oil and gas activity within their districts, review agency inspection records, and assist constituents with inquiries. These new online features are described below.



RRC OIL. The RRC Online Inspection Lookup (RRC OIL) allows users to search for inspection and violation data recorded by RRC Oil and Gas Division

inspectors during their inspections of oil and gas leases, wells, facilities, and other sites. The information on RRC OIL refreshes daily, allowing users to customize contemporary inspection and violation searches by operator name, lease number, county and, among other criteria, inspection date range. In 2019 RRC OIL received the Chairman's Stewardship Award for Energy Education from the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission.

RRC CASES. Launched this spring, RRC CASES gives the public access to documents in the RRC's

hearings process. Users can search hearings dockets using a variety of criteria including case number, operator name, or RRC district. The Hearings Division conducts hearings and prepares recommendations on issues that need resolution in oil and gas, pipeline safety, alternative fuels safety, gas utilities, and surface mining matters within the Commission's jurisdiction.



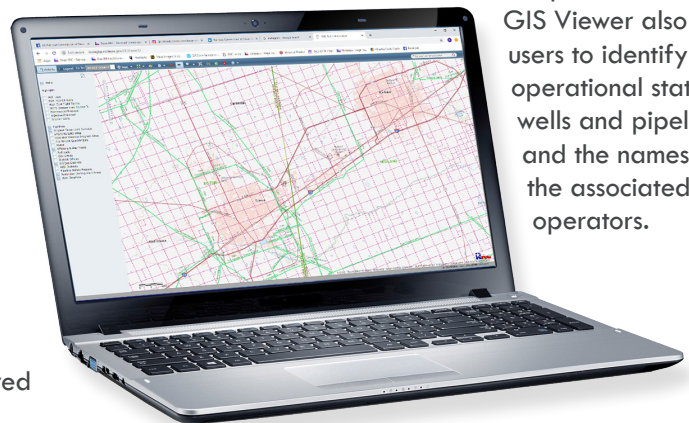
Data Visualization Maps. Throughout 2020, RRC released a series of data visualization maps illustrating energy industry production trends and agency clean up and remediation activities across Texas. These interactive maps allow users to look up oil and gas production,

drilling permits, and wells spudded in each county. This online feature also allows the public to see where RRC has plugged abandoned wells, cleaned up polluted sites, and conducted abandoned mine land restoration activities



RRC GIS Viewer. RRC's Public Geographic Information System (GIS) Map Viewer is one of the agency's most popular on-line features. This feature allows users to see the precise location of oil, gas, and injection wells, disposal sites, and pipelines. Users can

zoom in on the map to see the energy resources operating in a specific area. The GIS Viewer also allows users to identify the operational status of wells and pipelines, and the names of the associated operators.



On-Line Alternative Fuels Training. Starting this October, and in response to the COVID pandemic, RRC will offer employee-level online examinations for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), commonly referred to as propane. In addition, the RRC will host initial training courses for

LPG certifications. RRC has made continuing education classes available for LPG certifications since March. The agency will continue to expand the online exams and training courses offered as the program develops.