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## RRC First in Nation to Utilize Federal Funds to Plug Abandoned Oil and Gas Wells

Texas became the first state in the nation to begin plugging abandoned oil and gas wells using federal grants from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Plugging work began last week on an abandoned oil and gas well in Refugio County in South Texas. The plugging work was completed on October 18. The RRC anticipates the initial grant will be used to plug approximately 800 abandoned wells. These would be in addition to 1,000 wells the agency anticipates will be plugged this year by the successful State Managed Plugging Program (SMP), using industry fee and fine revenue from the Oil and Gas Regulatory and Cleanup Fund.

The RRC has a web page on the federal grant funds for abandoned oil and gas well plugging. That page is at the following link: <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-and-gas/environmental-cleanup-programs/federally-funded-well-plugging/>



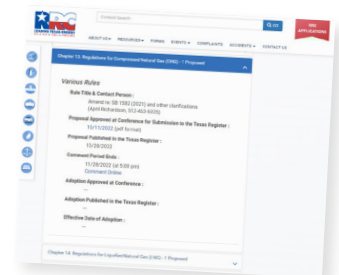
## RRC Accepting Comments on Proposed Rules Amendments to CNG and LNG Regulations

The Railroad Commission is accepting public comments on rule amendments to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 13, relating to Regulations for Compressed Natural Gas Regulations (CNG), and 16 TAC Chapter 14, relating to Regulations for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

The proposed amendments implement changes as specified in Senate Bill 1582 (87th Legislature, Regular Session) as well as update, clarify, and ensure consistency among alternative fuel regulations.

To view the proposed rules amendments and submit comments online by 5 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022, visit the RRC website at

<https://www.rrc.texas.gov/general-counsel/rules/proposed-rules/>.



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