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RRC Inspectors Blanket Texas for Major Winter Weatherization Inspections

December has been a very busy month for inspectors in RRC's Critical Infrastructure Division (CID). Starting in early December inspectors began weatherization inspections at hundreds of critical natural gas facilities in different regions of the state to ensure gas supply is protected for Texans this winter season.

CID has already inspected 99% of what are known as Tier One facilities, which are gas processing plants, underground gas storage facilities, pipelines that directly connect to electricity generation plants and oil and gas leases that produce more than 5 million cubic feet of gas per day. Facilities inspected are found to be compliant with RRC rules and no violations have been cited so far in the inspection cycle. RRC will inspect these facilities multiple times during this winter season as part of the extensive inspection plan. An anticipated 5,600

inspections will be conducted, which includes every critical gas facility on the electric supply chain map.

Another key factor in fortifying the gas supply for the winter is the amount of natural gas stored in underground facilities. The gas storage infrastructure has grown in Texas since last year, which is a huge benefit for the state. There was approximately 482 billion cubic feet of working gas in underground storage in Texas as of the end of October, which is six percent more gas in storage than the same time last year and the highest level for the same period over the last six years.

Weatherization methods utilized by operators at gas facilities are not a one-size-fits-all given the geographical and climate variations in a large state like Texas as [explained in this video](#).

RRC Begins Planning and Oversight with Newly Established Texas Hydrogen Production Policy Council

After the passage of House Bill 2847 (88R), The Texas Hydrogen Production Policy Council, (TxH2 Council) was established within the Railroad Commission and clarifies the agency's regulatory jurisdiction over hydrogen pipelines and underground storage facilities.

The TxH2 Council had its first meeting, an organizational meeting, on December 14. The Council is tasked with making recommendations to the Legislature on updates necessary for the oversight and regulation of production, pipeline transportation, and storage of hydrogen. Duties of the Council will include

developing a state plan for hydrogen production oversight by the RRC, analyzing the development of hydrogen industries around the state, and monitoring regional efforts for the application and development of a clean hydrogen hub authorized under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.



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