



Oil and Gas Regulatory Conference and Technical Workshop
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Sessions and Descriptions

P-5 Forms and Financial Security (Gilmore)

This session discusses how to file a Form P-5, *Organization Report*, including:

- requirements,
- required fees,
- how the fees are calculated,
- financial assurance and determination of the required amount , and
- the required form for online filings.

Rule 15: Surface Cleanup Requirements - (Form W-3C) (Doshier)

This session discusses Inactive Well Plugging Extensions under Statewide Rule 15 (also known as House Bills 2259 and 3134), focusing on surface cleanup requirements and Form W-3C, *Certification of Surface Equipment Removal for an Inactive Well*.

Rule 15: Plugging Extension Applications (Form W-3X) (Doshier)

This session discusses Inactive Well Plugging Extensions under Statewide Rule 15 (also known as House Bills 2259 and 3134), focusing on plugging extension application requirements and Form W-3X, *Application for an Extension of Deadline for Plugging an Inactive Well*.

Introduction to Drilling Permits and Online Filing (Atkins)

This session is an introduction to the drilling permitting process, including terminology and types of applications associated with the Form W-1, *Application for Permit to Drill, Recomplete or Re-Enter*.

Drilling Permits and Online Filing - Advanced (Atkins)

This intermediate session explains how to file a drilling permit online, including specific issues that may delay an application from being processed in a timely manner. Topics like how, when and what to file regarding online applications will be covered.

PSA Wells, Allocation Wells and Stacked Laterals and use of P-16 Data Sheet - (Garza/Stasulli)

This session discusses how to file drilling permits and completion reports for special types of horizontal well operations, including use of the P-16 Data Sheet, *Acreage Designation*, to support these types of applications.



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Drilling Permits Statewide Rule 37 & 38 - Exceptions (Houston, Washington, and Gore)

This session discusses what triggers an exception and the different resolutions available to gain the exception.

Well Completion Report Forms and Procedures (Teseny)

This session discusses the forms that make up both a gas and an oil completion packet and what information on those forms the Railroad Commission of Texas reviews prior to approving the completion packet.

How to Submit Gas Online Completions - Online (Form G-1) (Thompson)

This session is a general overview of the proper way to file the Form G-1, *Gas Well Back Pressure Test, Completion or Recompletion Report and Log*, utilizing the Railroad Commission of Texas Online Completion Filing System. In addition, address common problems that delay the processing and approving of these filings will be reviewed.

How to Submit Oil Online Completions - Online (Form W-2) (Teseny)

The presentation is a general overview of the proper way to file the Form W-2, *Oil Well Potential Test, Completion or Recompletion Report and Log*, utilizing the Railroad Commission of Texas Online Completion Filing System. Common problems that delay the processing and approving of these filings will be reviewed.

Website Queries for Proration: How to Stay in Compliance (Stasulli/Thompson)

This session focuses on how to stay in compliance and obtain information concerning individual wells, leases, fields and operators.

Skim Oil/Condensate Report (P-18)/ Surface Commingling (P-17) (Pimpton/Davis)

This session is an overview of the Form P-18, *Skim Oil/Condensate Report*, why it is required and how to fill out the form. This session will cover the Form P17, *Application for Exception to Statewide Rules 26, 27 and/or 55*, including the steps to file the form, requirements and fees, while focusing on important issues needed when filing.



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Monthly Production Report (PR) (Vargas/Davis)

This session discusses the filing of *Monthly Production Reports* (PR Form) so that they comply with Statewide Rules 27, 54 and 58(b). The various filing options will be discussed, as well as discrepancy letters from the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Transportation and Storage Report (Form T-1) (Liscano/Davis)

This session discusses filing procedures and requirements and the information required for the *Monthly Transportation and Storage Report*. A detailed question and answer session follows the presentation.

Directional Surveys and Associated Issues (May)

This session is an introduction to directional surveys for vertical, directional, and horizontal wells. The Railroad Commission of Texas requirements for each will be discussed as well as an overview of how the Engineering Unit uses directional surveys to check compliance. This presentation covers Statewide Rules 11, 12, 14 and 86 as they pertain to well location and abandoned sections of wellbore. Common mistakes and field rule violations encountered in online completion packets will also be included.

Statewide Rule 10: Downhole Commingling (Tjepkema)

This purpose of this session is to educate filers on how to properly request an exception to Statewide Rule 10 (producing from different strata/regulatory fields). It discusses how to identify when a Statewide Rule 10 exception is needed, what is required to apply for an exception, and how to indicate that a well is downhole commingled on a completion filing. Frac - Port Completions will also be discussed.

Gas Plants and Refineries (Cassidy)

This presentation discusses the filing requirements and procedures for oil refineries and gas processing plants, including the forms that are required for an operator to submit to the Railroad Commission of Texas to be in compliance with Statewide Rules 54, 60, 61 and 62 (16 TAC §§3.54, 3.60, 3.61 and 3.62). The main focus is on instruction and guidance in properly filling out the *Monthly Report and Operations Statement for Refineries* (Form R-1), and the *Monthly Report for Gas Plants* (Form R-3).



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High Cost Gas - Statewide Rule 101 (Paetzold)

This session is a discussion of the High Cost Gas severance tax incentive - specifically, how to obtain certification from the Railroad Commission of Texas that gas produced from a well completed in a tight gas formation is eligible for the tax reduction. This session also covers Area Designation applications and individual well certifications (Form ST-1, *Application for Texas Severance Tax Incentive Certification*).

Reclamation Plants, Separation Facilities & Stationary Treatment Facilities (Chambless)

This session is a discussion of the similarities and differences between Reclamation Plants, Separation Facilities and Stationary Treatment Facilities and their corresponding regulatory requirements.

Stationary Treatment Facility and Pit Applications - Requirements Needed to Complete Applications (Avitt)

This session discusses permit application requirements for surface waste facilities, including separation facilities, land treatment facilities and landfarms, and disposal pits. Subjects specific to STFs, such as site characterization, financial security and landowner notification requirements, and specific application requirements for pits will be highlighted. This includes the Form H-11, *Application for Permit to Maintain and Use a Pit*.

Discharges (HT, Produced Water, Gas Plant Effluent) (Humberson)

This session is an overview of the various discharges permitted by the Railroad Commission of Texas. It will address laws and rules, jurisdiction, applications and standard permitting requirements and limitations.

New Online GW-1 Application (Gearhart)

This session discusses the new online application process for the Form GW-1, *Groundwater Protection Determination Request Form*, and how some of the new data fields are related to the way the same data was entered into the Form GW-1 interactive application.

Researching Information for the GW-1 (GAU) Applications (Gearhart)

This session explains how to use the Bureau of Economic Geology Surface Casing Estimator when filing the Form GW-1, *Groundwater Protection Determination Request Form*, online. A progress map that shows which counties are scheduled for fiscal year 2016 will be included in the discussion. In addition, the Groundwater Determination Letter information on the agency's website will be discussed. Questions may be asked about how to find data needed for groundwater protection determination applications. These questions may lead to discussions of sections of the Railroad Commission of Texas website.



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Commercial Recycling Rules – Overview (Avitt)

This session will discuss amendments to Statewide Rule 8 and Chapter 4, Subchapter B of the 16 Texas Administrative Code that were made effective April 15, 2013. Those amendments encourage fluid recycling in the oil field and provide clear permitting requirements for recycling of oil and gas waste.

Disposal/Injection Well Pressure Test Report (H-5) (McFarland)

This session discusses how to satisfy Railroad Commission of Texas requirements for a successful Mechanical Integrity Test. A review of testing methods, how to correctly report the test to the Commission on *Form H-5, Disposal/Injection Well Pressure Test Report* ways to remove wells from the test schedule, and tips on resolving tests that have been given Failed or Inconclusive results are included.

Annual Disposal/Injection Well Monitoring Report (H-10) (Torres)

This session addresses the most frequently asked questions about monitoring injection pressures and volumes and reporting them to the Railroad Commission of Texas on the *Form H-10, Annual Disposal/Injection Well Monitoring Report*.

UIC Completion Reporting Guidance (Moore)

This session provides step-by-step guidance for *Form W-2, Oil Well Potential Test, Completion or Recompletion Report, and Log*, and *Form G-1, Gas Well Back Pressure Test, Completion or Recompletion Report, and Log*, online completion of injection/disposal wells. Steps include:

- logging in,
- starting a new completion packet,
- entering data for the Form W-2 or G-1, adding additional forms,
- submitting the packet,
- checking for messages from Railroad Commission of Texas analysts,
- responding to messages,
- doing online research queries, and
- problem resolution.



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UIC Permit Applications: Technical Review & Public Notification (Hill)

This session is an overview of the permit program for Class II injection wells involving oil and gas wastes and enhanced oil recovery. Under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the State of Texas has been granted primacy to enforce and administer the program. Key parts of administrative and technical permit application review will be discussed.

Statewide Rule 36 - H2S (Birdwell)

This session is an overview of the requirements of Statewide Rule 36 in regards to the specifics of Hydrogen Sulfide, safety training and compliance for industry personnel associated with oil and gas operations in Texas. Topics include requirements for workover, drilling and supervisory personnel.

Statewide Rule 13: Surface Casing Exceptions (Baer/Huie)

This session addresses the application processes and procedures for requesting a Statewide Rule 13 exception. It includes an overview of the casing, cementing, drilling, well control and completion requirements provided in Statewide Rule 13.

Statewide Rule 32: Venting and Flaring (Baer/Huie)

This session is an overview of the requirements of Statewide Rule 32 regarding the venting and flaring of casinghead gas and gas well gas. Discussion topics include authorized flaring and venting and exemptions to the rule as well as exceptions to the rule.

Spills - Reporting and Cleanup (Pope)

This session focuses on statewide rules and cleanup guidance for spills under the Railroad Commission of Texas' jurisdiction. Emphasis is on the Site Remediation section's Operator Cleanup, Voluntary Cleanup and Brownfields Programs. Examples of complex remediation projects are highlighted.

Pipeline Permitting (Form T-4) (Schulz/ Mireles)

This session explains pipeline permitting Form T-4, *Application for Permit to Operate a Pipeline in Texas*, and the processes required for producers, gatherers, and transmission line operators. Topics to be covered include the required forms to be submitted and an overview of the corresponding mapping requirements.



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Public GIS Viewer (Maxwell/Maddox)

This session explains the use of the new Public GIS map viewer search functions for pipeline, survey and well location data. It provides step by step instructions for the Public GIS Map Viewer interactive search capabilities. The different search functions to be discussed are:

- zoom in, zoom out, and center the map;
- turning the wells, pipelines, and surveys on or off;
- printing the map;
- viewing the well legend;
- clicking on a well, pipeline, or survey for information;
- drawing a 1/4-mile or 1/2-mile radius on the map;
- finding a specific county, offshore area or bay;
- searching for a well by API number, oil lease number or gas ID number;
- searching for a survey by abstract number or survey name; and
- viewing and searching by Latitude and Longitude (NAD27) Coordinates.

Statewide Rule 29 and FracFocus (Savage)

In 2011, the Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 3328 (82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011) which required the Railroad Commission of Texas to adopt regulations relating to disclosure of the chemical ingredients of hydraulic fracturing fluids used on oil and gas wells in the State. On December 13, 2011, the Railroad Commission adopted new Statewide Rule 29 (16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.29) relating to Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Requirements. Statewide Rule 29 requires reporting of chemical ingredients used in hydraulic fracturing to be reported through FracFocus.org. This presentation summarizes Statewide Rule 29 and discusses how to register on and upload to Frac Focus.org.

Administrative Hearings Process (Larson)

This session will be directed by Hearings Director Ryan D. Larson and will provide an overview of the Hearings Division, including its history, structure and purpose.

Oil and Gas Division Discussion Panel

This discussion panel is an open forum that will provide conference participants the opportunity to ask questions and discuss subjects related to the forms and filing procedures associated with the Railroad Commission of Texas' Field Operations, Administrative Compliance and Technical Permitting departments.