

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
Oil and Gas Division

NOTICE TO OPERATORS

**Injection Well Permit Applications Affected by Orphan
Wells**

In an effort to increase the oil and gas industry's ability to submit quality applications for injection well permits and to increase the efficiency of the permit application review process, the Commission's GIS mapping program has been enhanced to include a feature that enables orphan wells to be highlighted on the GIS map viewer. This enhancement will help industry select potential injection well locations that are not affected by nearby orphan wells. Commission Staff are unable to administratively approve any injection well permit application where an orphan penetrates the proposed injection interval within the ¼ mile area of review.

Operators who may be unable to locate an administratively approvable geographic location due to the orphan well restriction may request a hearing to show cause why permit approval is justified once its application has otherwise been determined to be administratively complete.

For more information concerning orphan wells and our GIS mapping system, please use the links below.

<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/compliance/orphanwells/index.php>

<http://gis2.rrc.state.tx.us/public/startit.htm>

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