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When and Where to File the Form P-8:

- a. When a new well cannot be tested because the tanks are full.
- b. A well is producing while completion reports are being processed and tanks are full.
- c. Prior to when test is scheduled to be run.
- d. A request for clearance of storage tanks should be filed online at www.rrc.texas.gov, select “RRC Online Login”, select “Completions” and then select ‘Filing P-8” or, the Form P-8 may be filed in the appropriate District office.

Questions and Answers Pertaining to a Request for Clearance

Questions Pertaining to (Form, Rule, Procedure)	Questions	Answer	Contact
P-8	Do I have to report oil moved with a P-8 or PR?	All original production must be reported.	512-463-6726
P-8	Why can't I get a lease number when my P-8 is approved?	A lease or I.D. number is assigned only after completions papers have been received and approved in Austin.	512-463-6838
P-8	I filed my P-8 and sold some oil, but I am going to plug the well as unsuccessful. How can I get my money?	When a small amount of oil is sold from an unsuccessful well, you can receive an allowable to cover this amount after your W-3, P-4, and PR are filed and approved.	512-463-6838
P-8	Can I get more than one P-8?	The District Director in each individual District Office has the final authority to approve multiple P-8's.	Appropriate District Office
P-8	Is the amount approved on the P-8 the same thing as an allowable?	NO! Any oil or condensate moved using a P-8 must be covered when an allowable is assigned to the well.	512-463-6838

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Oil and Gas Division

Form P-8

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Request for Clearance of Storage Tanks
Prior to Potential Test

Type or print only

1. Operator's Name and Address (Exactly as shown on Form P-5, Organization Report)		3. RRC District No.	
		4. County of Well Site	
		5. API No. 42-	
2. RRC Operator Number		7. Drilling Permit No.	8. Rule 37 Case No.
6. Field Name (Wildcat or exactly as shown on RRC records)			
9. Lease Name		10. Oil Lease No.	11. Well No.
12. Drilling Completed on ____/____/____ mo. day year	13. Completion report - Form W-2 or G-1 - will be filed on ____/____/____ mo. day year		
14. Oil or condensate gatherer's name and address Telephone: Area Code () Number _____		15. Authorization to transport oil or condensate (mark one) Form P-4 attached Form P-4 filed on ____/____/____ mo. day year	
		17. Amount of oil/condensate in tanks _____ barrels on ____/____/____ mo. day year	
16. This request is for _____ barrels of crude oil OR condensate			
18. Storage capacity in bbls. Tank battery _____ test tanks _____ Total _____			
19. Previous request for clearance. Amount _____ barrels granted on ____/____/____ mo. day year			
20. Reason for current request for clearance. (explain briefly)			
Typed or printed name of operator's representative _____		Title of person _____	
Telephone: Area Code Number _____		Date: mo. day year _____	
		Signature _____	
RRC District Office Action			
Barrels recommended _____		_____	
		District Director _____	
		Date _____	

EXAMPLE

Instructions to Form P-8, Request for Clearance (Instructions Revised 10/1998)

The Form P-8, Request for Clearance of Storage Tanks Prior to Potential Tests, is a request for temporary authority for a specific volume of hydrocarbon liquid to be run from a lease. It is normally used when a well must be tested prior to the assignment of an allowable. On approval of a P-8, the district office will grant the appropriate gatherer verbal authority to transport the oil or condensate. A routine approval is usually given by the district office for the first P-8 clearance request for a permitted well that has been drilled and completed in compliance with all Commission rules, and remains so at the time of the request. Subsequent P-8 approvals are considered on a case-by-case basis. Under certain circumstances (e.g. horizontal wells, unusual testing conditions, etc), subsequent P-8 approvals can also be approved by the district office *prior* to the filing of completion forms.

- A. Who may file. An operator who is requesting clearance of oil or condensate from storage tanks prior to conducting a potential test.
- B. What to file. An original and one copy of Form P-8. Before this request for clearance can be processed, a Form P-5, Organization Report, must be on file in the Commission's office for both the producer and the gatherer on this Form P-8. If there is not a Form P-4 transportation authority already on file, one must be filed with the P-8 (faxed and/or mailed. A faxed P-4 must be followed up with the mailed original.)
- C. Where to file. The appropriate Commission district office for the county in which the well is located. P-8 requests may be faxed as well as mailed. A faxed P-8 must be followed up with a mailed or original.
- D. Specific Items

Note: A request for clearance of storage tanks should be filed online at www.rrc.texas.gov, select "RRC Online Login", select "Completions" and then select "Filing P-8" or, the Form P-8 may be filed in the appropriate District office.

Item 13. Completion report – Form W-2 or G-1, must be filed in the appropriate RRC district office within ten days after the potential test for oil wells, and within 15 days for gas wells. (Required under Statewide Rules 16, 28, and 51.) The timely and correct filing of a completion report will enable the Commission to assign an allowable to the well in question. Note: If well completion papers are filed within the required time after the potential test for properly permitted wells, processing delays of such forms will not adversely affect allowables. If required forms are not filed timely, or if the well is not properly permitted, the well may be subject to shut in by the district office.

Item 15. Authorization to transport oil or condensate. Before this request for clearance can be processed, **Form P-4** must be on file with the Commission or be attached to this Form P-8. Form P-4 *Producer's Transportation Authority and Certificate of Compliance* is required under Statewide Rule 58.

Item 20. Reason for current request for clearance. Complete this section in detail. Reasons for the request will be reviewed by the district office and P-8 approvals will be based on individual circumstances.

FILING ONLINE

Beginning March 2012, the Commission is now accepting electronic submissions of Form P-8, Request for Clearance of Storage Tanks Prior to Potential Test through the RRC Online System.

Query to review P-8's status and to print or save the form (currently available only to users who have logged in to the RRC Online System).

Upon RRC action, an e-mail will be sent to the filer that evening advising them of the outcome. If approved, then the Operator will be responsible for providing the Gatherer with the approved P-8 form (which is available immediately online).

In filing the Form P-8, the filer must list the primary Gatherer under item 14 of the form. The filer should include all Gatherers on the associated form P-4. Note: The hardcopy P-4 form previously associated with the filing of form P-8 is no longer required to be mailed to the Well Compliance Unit, but must be submitted with the initial G-1/W-2 Completion.

To file forms electronically through the RRC Online System, an operator must first assign a Security Administrator for their organization by submitting to the Commission an original hardcopy Security Administrator Designation (SAD) form.

ADDITIONAL ONLINE FILING INFORMATION

Online P-8 application requests additional information that does not appear on printable version (hardcopy), for example:

- Filing operator email address
- How many barrels per day are currently being produced?

Online system will allow P-4 to be uploaded only after P-8 has been submitted. The District Office will not approve P-8 without a current P-4. Form P-4 must be attached regardless of if form is already attached to completion packet pending approval.

If well is in violation of Statewide Rule 16 (completion reports not filed within 90 days after well completion or 150 days after drilling completion, whichever is earlier), the District Office will not approve a P-8 request.