



User's Guide to H-8's on microfilm

Background information about the microfilm

About the forms:

H-8:

H-8 is the form designation for reported losses of more than five (5) barrels of crude oil, gas well liquids, or associated products. In compliance with Statewide Rules 20 and 71, it is a report submitted to the RRC by either the Producer or Transporter that experienced loss of any of the aforementioned liquid hydrocarbons after appropriate measures have been taken to remedy the site.

The H-8 microfilm ranges in year from 1970 to 2021. Beginning in 2009, H-8 data can also be downloaded in Excel format by year, through this Railroad Commission webpage:

<https://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-and-gas/compliance-enforcement/h-8/>

Film / Image Organization:

The rolls of film are organized by year, usually with 1-2 years per roll.

Within each year grouping of rolls, the images are organized by one of two methods, depending on whose supervision the liquid hydrocarbon losses occurred under (either the Producer or the Transporter will have submitted the H-8). H-8's submitted by the Producers will appear in the first half of each year, and H-8's submitted by the Transporters will appear in the second half of each year.

Producer H-8's will be organized by year, then month, district, operator name, and lease name.

Transporter H-8's will be organized by year, then month, district, company name, and the date the loss occurred.

The organization of these rolls is general, so be mindful of the following potential deviations: some rolls intermingle District 1 and District 2, multiple leases may be listed on a single form, or dates of losses listed may not be exact. Exercise attention, as there are likely more deviations to organization than are listed above.

The H-8 Index rolls (H8-54 through H8-68) span from 1972 to 1995. These rolls are not actual indexes—they are only brief summaries of information compiled from the H-8's. The images on these rolls are organized exactly as they are on the regular H-8 rolls of film. Please note that the earlier H-8 Index rolls only contain listings of every spill that involved water.

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After locating the film roll number, enter that roll number into the microfilm profile to view the images.

[MICROFILM PROFILE](#)

Notes:

As with all film series, misfiling and late submissions may occur. If you do not find the form you are looking for, please check the end of the film for additions, or later rolls in case the form was submitted late.

Please e-mail records@rrc.texas.gov with any questions.