

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Oil and Gas Division



NOTICE TO OIL AND GAS OPERATORS

Recycling Treated Domestic Wastewater and Mobile Drinking Water Treatment System Wastewaters

The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) is revising its program for recycling of domestic wastewater and mobile drinking water treatment system wastewaters at oil and gas sites. An operator may now choose to implement this recycling program as either (1) a district-wide permit, or (2) a location-specific permit. This program change will provide significant flexibility and efficiencies for operators who utilize this program at multiple well sites and does not significantly change the program for operators who do not need that flexibility.

District-Wide Permit Program

A permit may be issued to the operator of record of the well(s) being drilled and/or serviced. One permit will be issued to one operator for use with one service provider in one RRC district. The permit can apply to all the operator's leases within the district that are served by the same service provider and can be updated monthly with treatment location changes. The operator will submit monthly reports to the RRC documenting the treatment and recycling activities, including location information with sampling and analysis results, for the permit that includes information from all treatment locations.

Location-Specific Permit Program

A permit may be issued to the operator of an oil or gas lease for recycling activities on that lease. This is the current program as it has existed since 2016, and these permits will last for 60 days and may be extended.

For More Information

For more information on the program details and documents, visit the RRC website at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-and-gas/applications-and-permits/environmental-permit-types/recycling/dww-recycling/>.

If you have questions regarding the Recycling Treated Domestic Wastewater and Mobile Drinking Water Treatment System Wastewaters program, contact the Domestic Wastewater Program in the Environment Permitting Section of the RRC's Oil and Gas Division at 512-463-3840 or domestic.wastewater@rrc.texas.gov.

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