

# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## Oil and Gas Division



### NOTICE TO OIL AND GAS OPERATORS

#### Geologic Formation Information and County Formation Lists Updates

Effective February 10, 2020, an update to the geologic formation information for most Texas counties provided by the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) will be available on the agency's website at <https://www.rrc.state.tx.us/oil-gas/compliance-enforcement/rule-13-geologic-formation-info/>.

The geologic formation information is provided to oil and gas operators as a guideline for compliance with 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.13 (Statewide Rule 13), relating to casing, cementing, drilling, well control and completion requirements. The geologic formation information will also be updated within the Drilling Permits (W-1) application in the RRC Online System.

One change to geologic formation information is the removal of the formation depth (or "tops") estimates from all the county formation lists. Most changes are to the county formation lists for districts 8 and 8A, where formations have been added.

On February 10, 2020, the updated geologic formation information must be used for all recently approved drilling permits. Approved drilling permits not drilled by February 10, 2020 must reference the appropriate, updated county list(s) prior to completion. Drilled and completed wells where the Form W-2, *Oil Well Potential Test, Completion or Recompletion Report, and Log*, or Form G-1, *Gas Well Back Pressure Test, Completion or Recompletion Report*, has not been filed must reference the appropriate county list(s) in effect when the well was completed.

If you have questions regarding this notice, contact the appropriate department of the RRC's Oil and Gas Division for assistance.

- Drilling Permits - [drillingpermits-info@rrc.texas.gov](mailto:drillingpermits-info@rrc.texas.gov) or 512-463-5751
- Field Operations - [OG\\_FOPS@rrc.texas.gov](mailto:OG_FOPS@rrc.texas.gov) or 512-463-6838
- Well Compliance - [prorationunit@rrc.texas.gov](mailto:prorationunit@rrc.texas.gov) or 512-463-6975

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