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Our mission is to serve Texas by our stewardship of natural resources and the environment, our concern for personal and community safety, and our support of enhanced development and economic vitality for the benefit of Texans.

RRC's 2019 Year In Review

2019 was a big year for the Railroad Commission. We performed a record number of oil and gas inspections, exceeded goals for abandoned well plugging, and took significant steps towards making our data more transparent. These achievements, and others, are discussed in our 2019 Year in Review.

Year in Review Highlights

- Oil and gas inspectors performed over 133,000 well inspections of wells across Texas. RRC inspectors drove 5,540,951 miles – the equivalent of driving from the Earth to the Moon and back eleven times.
- Our Oversight & Safety Division performed 4,801 pipeline safety evaluations of intrastate oil and gas pipelines across Texas. The Division also performed a record 19,000 alternative fuel inspection to ensure the safe use and transport of propane, compressed natural gas, and liquefied natural gas.
- In January, the RRC launched [RRC OIL](#), an online searchable database for oil and gas inspection data. Released seven months ahead of schedule, RRC OIL received the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission's 2019 Chairman's Stewardship Award for Energy Education.
- Thanks to support from the Texas Legislature, RRC has initiated its mainframe transition project, the largest information technology infrastructure project in agency history. This project will enable the transition of agency legacy programs off the antiquated mainframe on to modern cloud-based platforms.
- In addition to RRC OIL, RRC unveiled several new research tools that enable the public to learn more about energy development in Texas. These include our [Public GIS Viewer](#) and our [interactive data maps](#) highlighting oil and gas production in all Texas counties.
- In March, RRC celebrated 100 years of regulating Texas' oil and gas industry. On March 31, 1919, Governor William Hobby signed legislation assigning regulation of the oil and gas industry to RRC. One hundred years later, RRC continues its stewardship of natural resources and the environment.



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RRC Releases 2019 Oilfield Cleanup Program Annual Report

On December 17th the Commission formally approved the Oilfield Cleanup Program Annual Report for FY 2019. The report informs the Legislature and the public of RRC's efforts to better protect the environment through oil field cleanup activities. This year's report highlights the agency success in plugging 1,710 abandoned wells and remediating 415 abandoned oilfield sites across Texas.



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