

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Oil and Gas Division



NOTICE TO OIL AND GAS OPERATORS

Texas Faces Dangerous Winter Storm

On Friday, Governor Greg Abbott declared a disaster declaration for all 254 counties in the state due to the ongoing winter storm: <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-issues-disaster-declaration-continues-to-deploy-resources-as-severe-winter-weather-impacts-texas>.

The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) encourages all oil and gas operators under the RRC's jurisdiction to take the following safety precautions:

- Monitor local, state and national weather reports for updates on potential severe weather impacts, including the National Weather Service and Texas Division of Emergency Management;
- Heed all watches, warnings, and orders issued by local emergency officials;
- Secure all personnel, equipment, and facilities to prevent injury or damage; and,
- Monitor and maintain operations for potential impacts, as safety permits.

During an emergency meeting Friday night, RRC temporarily amended Rule 2 of Order 489 to elevate electric generation facilities serving human needs customers to a higher priority. This action was taken to ensure the availability of gas supplies to gas-fired generation facilities in Texas during this critical period. The Commission took this action to prioritize the protection of public health and safety during this extreme weather event. To view the emergency order, visit the RRC website at <https://rrc.texas.gov/media/cw3ewubr/emergency-order-021221-final-signed.pdf>.

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