

## RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS WASTE MINIMIZATION PROGRAM GOALS

The objective of the Railroad Commission's Waste Minimization Program is to increase environmental protection by significantly reducing the potential for pollution of the State's land, water, and air in the exploration and production of oil and gas. Voluntary industry initiatives to reduce the volume and hazards of wastes generated and to recycle wastes that are generated can play a major role in the achievement of this objective. Therefore, the *primary* emphasis of the Commission's program is on providing oil and gas operators with training and technical assistance on source reduction and recycling, which is also known as waste minimization.

The Railroad Commission is committed to promoting source reduction and recycling in the oil field. The Commission will continue its outreach efforts by making this manual available to operators on request and by conducting workshops around the state. Also, the Commission will incorporate information on pollution prevention through source reduction and recycling into its annual series of Water Protection Seminars. Commission staff will continue to be trained on the job to deliver source reduction and recycling information and assistance to oil and gas operators. The Commission will also work to eliminate regulatory barriers and to establish regulatory incentives to source reduction and recycling.

