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MEMORANDUM

September 23, 2026

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Christi Craddick
Commissioner Wayne Christian
Commissioner Jim Wright

FROM: David Lindley
Assistant Director, Oil and Gas Division
Field Operations

SUBJECT: Field Operations Section
Monthly Report of State Managed Well Plugging Activities
August 2026, FY 2026

Attached is the monthly report titled "State Managed Well Plugging Activities" for the Field Operations Section of the Oil and Gas Division. This report contains the following:

1. Monthly and cumulative performance measure summaries of the state managed well plugging activities of this Section.
2. Summary graphs of wells plugged, cost of wells plugged, number of salvage operations, and salvage proceeds.

The information contained in this report includes only those wells that have been physically plugged, invoiced by the plugging contractor, and approved for payment by Field Operations. Plugging operations are tracked daily to monitor the progress in meeting the FY 2026 workplan goal of plugging 1,700 wells. As of August 31, 2026, a total of 2,111 wells have been physically plugged, though not all of them have yet been invoiced and approved for payment.

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Attachments

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Field Operations

cc: (via email)
Wei Wang, Executive Director
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
Oil and Gas Division
Field Operations Section
Monthly State Managed Plugging Activities
August 2026

Outcome Measure: Percentage of Known Orphaned Wells Plugged with the Use of State Funds (State Managed Plugging/Orphaned Wells).

August	2.70 %
Fiscal Year-to-date	16.4 %
Performance Measure Goal	17.5 %

Output Measure: Number of Orphaned Wells Plugged with the Use of State Funds.

August	332
Fiscal Year-to-date	2,022
Performance Measure Goal	1,700

Output Measure: Total Aggregate Plugging Depth of Wells Plugged with the Use of State Funds.

August	998,749
Fiscal Year-to-date	6,100,607
Performance Measure Goal	3,500,000

Efficiency Measure: Average Number of Days to complete a State Managed Well Plugging. From Contract Award Date

August	42.5
Fiscal Year-to-date	46.7
Performance Measure Goal	50

Explanatory Measure: Number of Orphaned Wells Approved for Plugging with the Use of State Funds.

August	192
Fiscal Year-to-date	1,485
Performance Measure Goal	2,000

Explanatory Measure: Number of Known Orphaned Wells in Non-compliance with the Commission's Plugging Rule.

August	12,317
Performance Measure Goal	8,500

Explanatory Measure: Number of Wells Plugged, by Operators, Without the Use of State Funds.

August	377
Fiscal Year-to-date	7,348
Performance Measure Goal	7,000

Explanatory measure: Percentage of Active Well Operators Who Have More Than 25% of Their Wells Inactive.

August	46.8 %
Performance Measure Goal	47.0 %

Explanatory measure: Numbered shut-in/inactive wells.

August	158,121
Performance Measure Goal	149,000

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
Oil Field Cleanup

Monthly State-Funded Plugging, Pollution Abatement and Salvage Activities
Commissioners Report
08/01/2026 to 08/31/2026

State-Funded Plugging Activities

Number of wells approved for plugging this month	192
Estimated cost of approvals	\$ 9,644,231.50
Number of wells approved for this fiscal year	1485
Number of approved wells remaining to plug	3246
Estimated cost to plug remaining approvals	\$ 200,153,443.44
Number of pluggings completed this month	332
Total cost to plug wells completed this month	\$ 30,561,300.19
Number of pluggings completed this fiscal year	2022
Cost of pluggings completed this fiscal year	\$ 125,643,478.13

Pollution Abatement Activities

Number of pollution abatements approved this month	2
Estimated cost of approvals	\$ 350,000.00
Number of pollution abatements approved for this fiscal year	59
Number of pollution abatements remaining	106
Estimated cost to pollution abatements remaining	\$ 1,475,795.00
Number of pollution abatements completed this month	7
Total cost of pollution abatements completed this month	\$ 270,428.65
Number of pollution abatements completed this fiscal year	38
Cost of pollution abatements completed this fiscal year	\$ 2,866,573.94

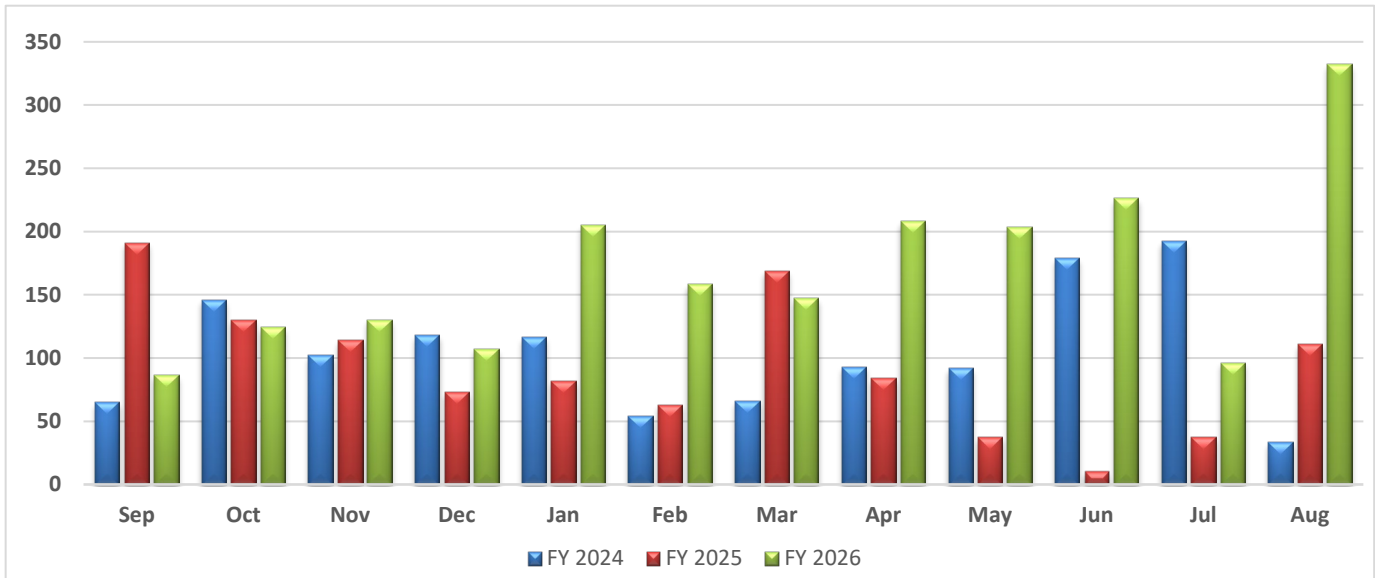
Salvage Activities

Number of salvage activities completed this month	103
Total proceeds received this month	\$ 724,444.83
Number of salvage activities completed this fiscal year	631
Total proceeds received this year	\$ 3,392,102.89

State Managed Well Plugging Program

Monthly Wells Plugged

August 2026

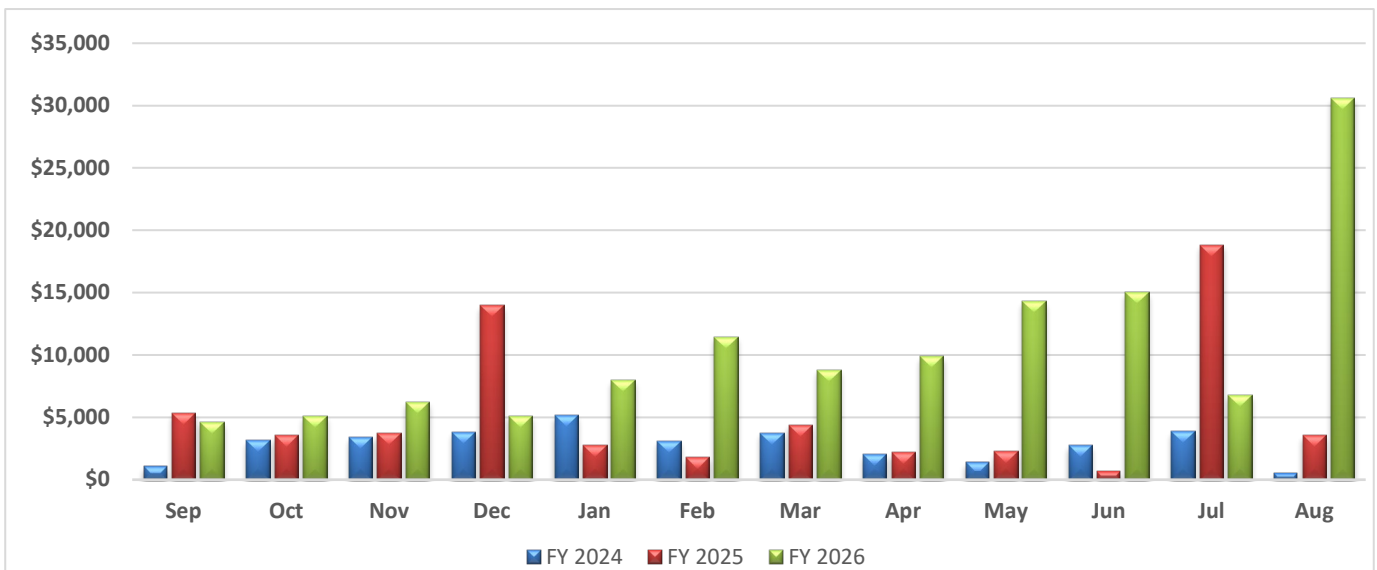


	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Tot
FY 2024	65	146	102	118	116	54	66	93	92	179	192	33	1,256
FY 2025	191	130	114	73	82	63	169	84	37	10	37	111	1,101
FY 2026	86	124	130	107	205	158	147	208	203	226	96	332	2,022

State Managed Well Plugging Program

Monthly Cost of Wells Plugged

August 2026

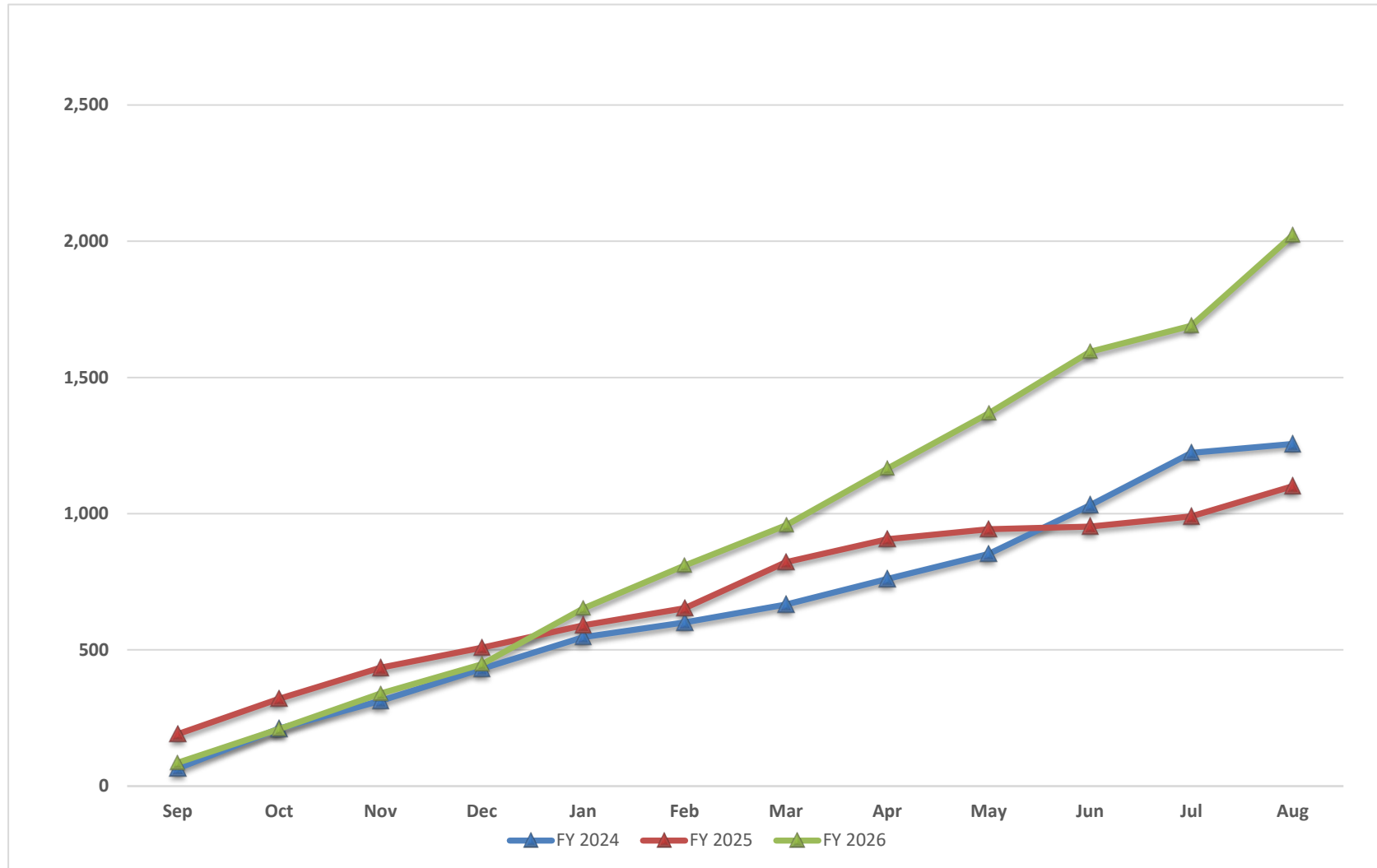


\$M	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Tot
FY 2024	\$1,065	\$3,140	\$3,400	\$3,822	\$5,161	\$3,090	\$3,730	\$2,017	\$1,417	\$2,760	\$3,849	\$550	\$34,001
FY 2025	\$5,321	\$3,515	\$3,728	\$13,952	\$2,712	\$1,785	\$4,389	\$2,174	\$2,240	\$638	\$18,824	\$3,553	\$62,830
FY 2026	\$4,571	\$5,092	\$6,228	\$5,104	\$7,952	\$11,445	\$8,796	\$9,864	\$14,288	\$14,998	\$6,744	\$30,561	\$125,643

State Managed Well Plugging Program

Cumulative Wells Plugged

August 2026

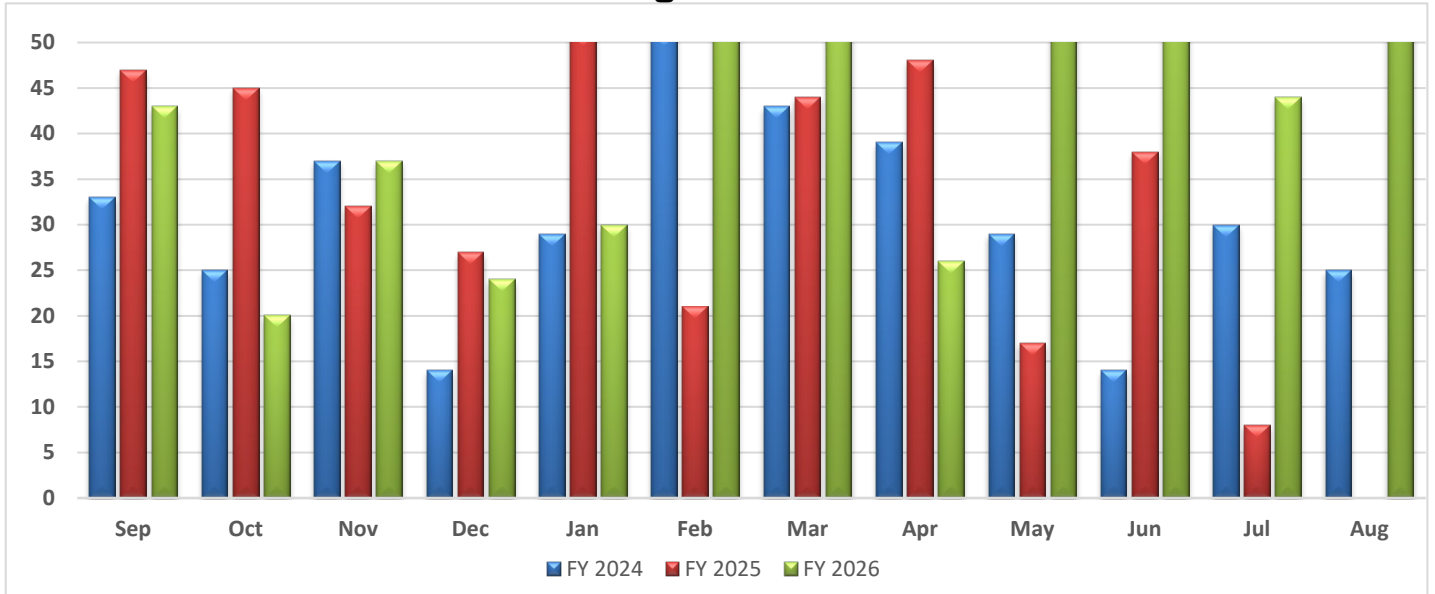


	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
FY 2024	65	211	313	431	547	601	667	760	852	1,031	1,223	1,256
FY 2025	191	321	435	508	590	653	822	906	943	953	990	1,101
FY 2026	86	210	340	447	652	810	957	1,165	1,368	1,594	1,690	2,022

State Managed Well Plugging Program

Monthly Salvage Operations

August 2026

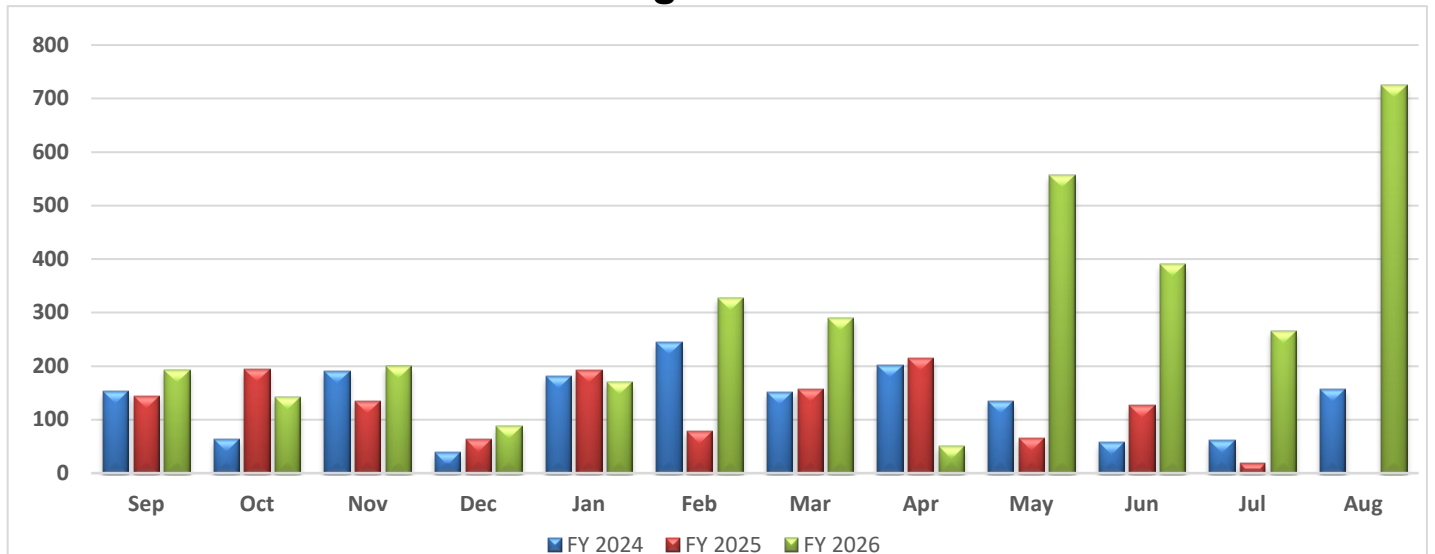


	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Tot
FY 2024	33	25	37	14	29	51	43	39	29	14	30	25	364
FY 2025	47	45	32	27	51	21	44	48	17	38	8	0	369
FY 2026	43	20	37	24	30	74	62	26	95	73	44	103	631

State Managed Well Plugging Program

Monthly Salvage Proceeds

August 2026



\$M	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Tot
FY 2024	\$152	\$63	\$191	\$39	\$181	\$245	\$151	\$202	\$135	\$57	\$61	\$157	\$1,632
FY 2025	\$144	\$193	\$135	\$62	\$193	\$78	\$157	\$214	\$65	\$126	\$18	\$0	\$1,386
FY 2026	\$193	\$141	\$200	\$87	\$170	\$327	\$288	\$49	\$557	\$390	\$266	\$724	\$3,392

State Managed Well Plugging Program Cumulative Salvage Proceeds August 2026

