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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.

October is Energy Awareness Month

For over thirty years, October has been National Energy Awareness Month, highlighting the importance of the nation's energy resources and the need for sustainable management.

Since the Industrial Revolution, fossil fuels have made our modern world possible by producing nearly 80 percent of global energy. Produced hydrocarbons play a crucial role in our lives, from providing fuels for transportation, electricity, and heating to manufacturing everyday consumer materials like plastics, medicine, medical devices, fabrics, fertilizers, and other byproducts of oil refining, such as asphalt for roads.

As the regulator of the largest oil and gas-producing state in the nation, the Railroad Commission plays a vital role in the stewardship of natural resources, ensuring public safety, and supporting the state's long-term economic vitality in the energy landscape.

"Texas is the national leader in energy production," said Chairman Christi Craddick. "Energy Awareness Month is a great opportunity to highlight this industry's positive impact on Texas, the U.S., and the world."

"Most Texans don't realize the immense value of our state's oil and gas production, which powers more than just the state, it fuels the nation and world," said Commissioner Wayne Christian. "If America wants low power costs, energy independence, and geopolitical stability, it will need federal policies that encourage a robust oil and gas sector and enable exports of that reliable energy to the rest of the world."

"Texas natural resources not only power the diverse economy of our state, they also provide the fuel necessary to maintain U.S. energy independence and support the growing energy needs of our allies across the globe," said Commissioner Jim Wright. "Access

to affordable, abundant energy resources like those produced here in Texas is a blessing which, too often, is taken for granted.

That is why it is important that all Americans recognize the valuable contributions hydrocarbons play in our everyday lives and the important work being done by the Railroad Commission to keep Texas energy on track."

Energy Awareness Month also highlights how consumers can help natural resources. For more information and resources about how you can increase your energy awareness, visit

<https://www.rrc.texas.gov/about-us/energy-awareness-month/>.



SB 1186 (88R) Proposed New Rule

During the October 15th RRC Open Meeting the Commissioners approved new Rule §3.82, Brine Production Projects and Associated Brine Production Wells and Class V Spent Brine Return Injection Wells, and amendments to other rules in RRC Oil & Gas Division Rules, **Chapter 3**.

New Rule §3.82 will implement the requirements of SB 1186 (88R), which amended **Texas Water Code §27.036** to clarify the Commission's jurisdiction over brine mining under state law—the proposed rules to be posted in the November 1st Texas Register and comment period ending December 2nd.

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