



Railroad Commission of Texas Proposed Rulemaking Summary

16 Texas Administrative Code §3.15, relating to *Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells*, and §3.58, relating to *Certificate of Compliance and Transportation Authority; Operator Reports*

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Public Comment Deadline — 5:00 p.m. CST on Friday, November 13, 2026

Action (new, amend, and/or repeal) — Amendments to Existing Rules

Summary

The RRC proposes the amendments to codify required changes to the inactive well plugging extension application and approval process, transfers of inactive wells, and annual operator reporting on inactive wells, due to the 89th Legislature’s enrollment of SB 1150. The proposed amendments codify SB 1150’s creation of a new class of inactive well, the “15/25 well,” which is a well that has been inactive for at least 15 years and was completed at least 25 years ago. The proposed amendments enact the four allowable plugging extension options for 15/25 wells.

Questions

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