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MEMORANDUM

August 10, 2026

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Jim Wright
Commissioner Christi Craddick
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FROM: David Lindley
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Field Operations

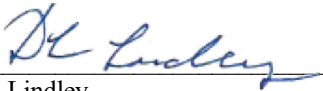
SUBJECT: Field Operations Section
Monthly Report of State Managed Well Plugging Activities
July 2026, FY 2026

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 July 31, 2026, a total of 1,969 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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Assistant Director, Oil and Gas Division
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
July 2026

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

July	0.79 %
Fiscal Year-to-date	13.8 %
Performance Measure Goal	17.5 %

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

July	96
Fiscal Year-to-date	1,690
Performance Measure Goal	1,700

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

July	317,878
Fiscal Year-to-date	5,101,858
Performance Measure Goal	3,500,000

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

July	63.2
Fiscal Year-to-date	47.6
Performance Measure Goal	50

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

July	67
Fiscal Year-to-date	1,299
Performance Measure Goal	2,000

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

July	12,185
Performance Measure Goal	8,500

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

July	845
Fiscal Year-to-date	6,971
Performance Measure Goal	7,000

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

July	47.4 %
Performance Measure Goal	47.0 %

Explanatory measure: Numbered shut-in/inactive wells.

July	158,399
Performance Measure Goal	149,000

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
Oil Field Cleanup

Monthly State-Funded Plugging, Pollution Abatement and Salvage Activities
Commissioners Report
07/01/2026 to 07/31/2026

State-Funded Plugging Activities

Number of wells approved for plugging this month	67
Estimated cost of approvals	\$ 11,700,716.00
Number of wells approved for this fiscal year	1299
Number of approved wells remaining to plug	3418
Estimated cost to plug remaining approvals	\$ 199,831,996.54
Number of pluggings completed this month	96
Total cost to plug wells completed this month	\$ 6,744,277.09
Number of pluggings completed this fiscal year	1690
Cost of pluggings completed this fiscal year	\$ 95,082,177.94

Pollution Abatement Activities

Number of pollution abatements approved this month	9
Estimated cost of approvals	\$ 442,100.00
Number of pollution abatements approved for this fiscal year	57
Number of pollution abatements remaining	111
Estimated cost to pollution abatements remaining	\$ 1,732,295.00
Number of pollution abatements completed this month	3
Total cost of pollution abatements completed this month	\$ 1,195,753.05
Number of pollution abatements completed this fiscal year	31
Cost of pollution abatements completed this fiscal year	\$ 2,596,145.29

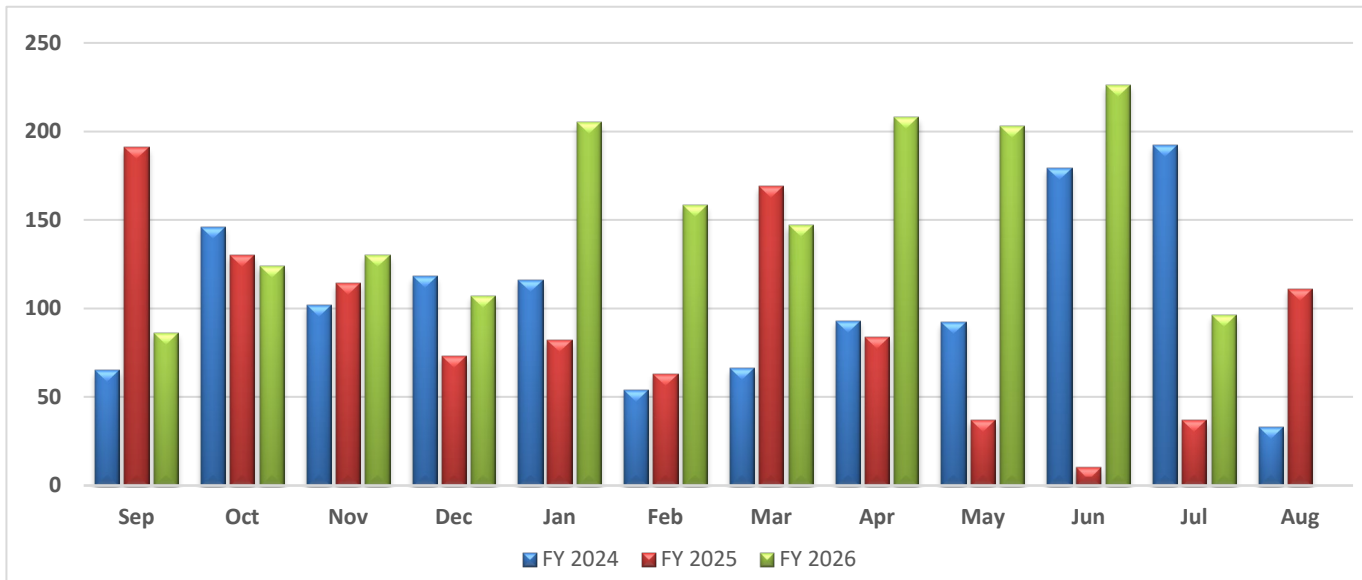
Salvage Activities

Number of salvage activities completed this month	44
Total proceeds received this month	\$ 266,109.94
Number of salvage activities completed this fiscal year	528
Total proceeds received this year	\$ 2,667,658.06

State Managed Well Plugging Program

Monthly Wells Plugged

July 2026

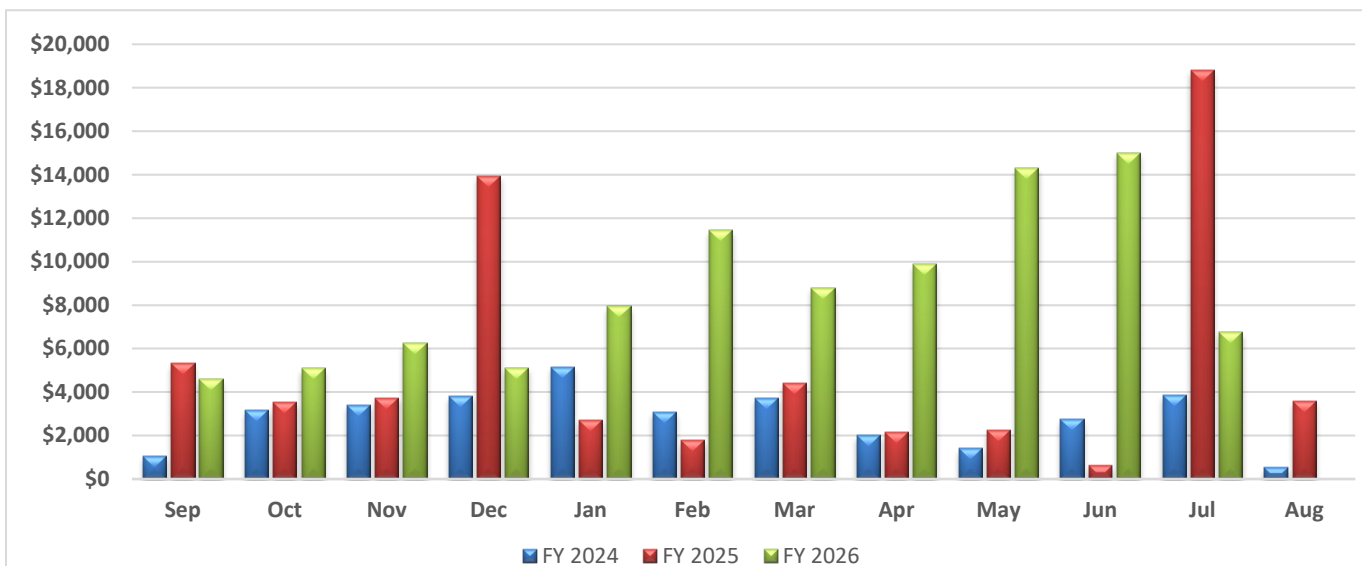


	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Tot
FY 2024	65	146	102	118	116	54	66	93	92	179	192	33	1,256
FY 2025	191	130	114	73	82	63	169	84	37	10	37	111	1,101
FY 2026	86	124	130	107	205	158	147	208	203	226	96		1,690

State Managed Well Plugging Program

Monthly Cost of Wells Plugged

July 2026

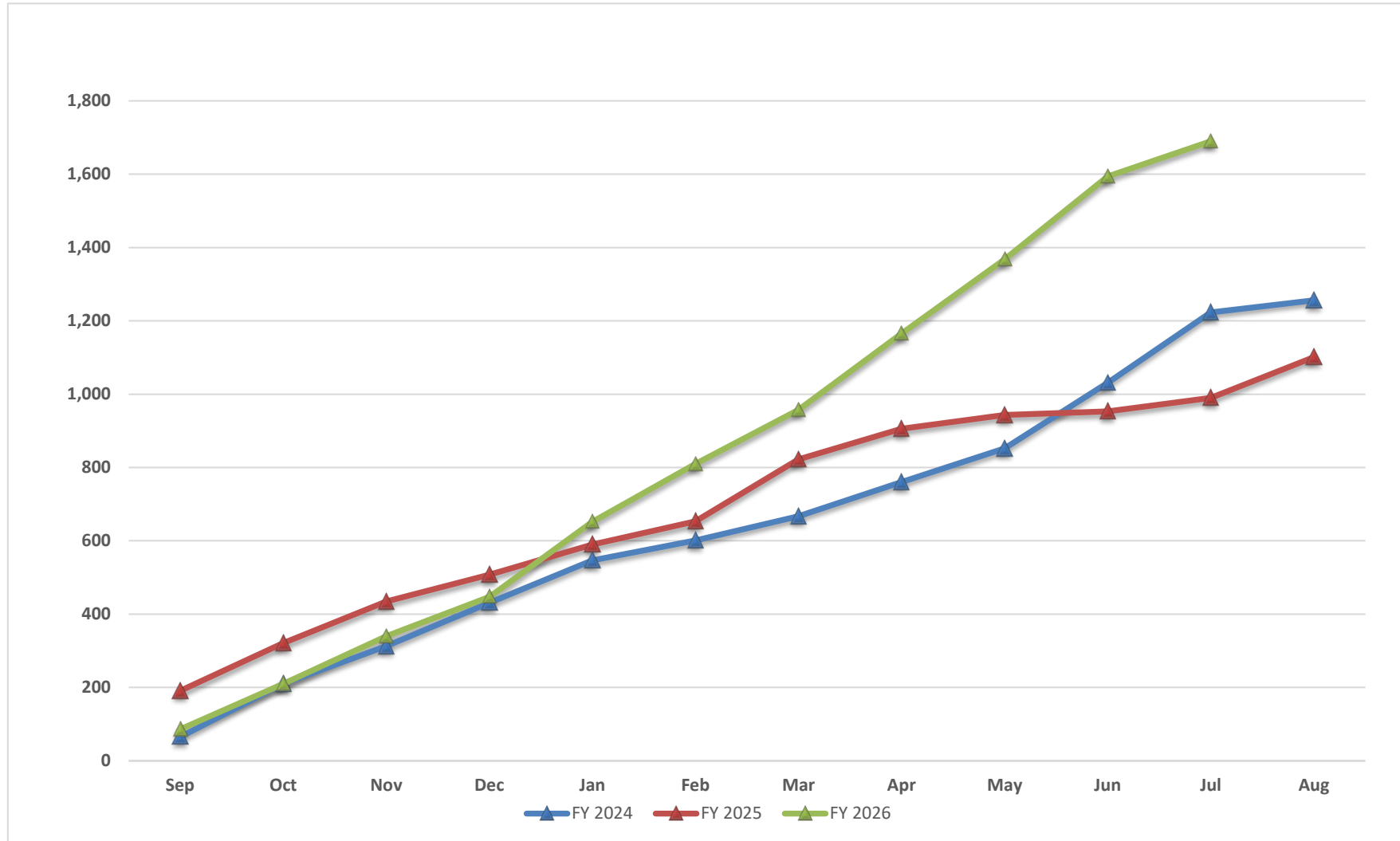


\$M	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Tot
FY 2024	\$1,065	\$3,140	\$3,400	\$3,822	\$5,161	\$3,090	\$3,730	\$2,017	\$1,417	\$2,760	\$3,849	\$550	\$34,001
FY 2025	\$5,321	\$3,515	\$3,728	\$13,952	\$2,712	\$1,785	\$4,389	\$2,174	\$2,240	\$638	\$18,824	\$3,553	\$62,830
FY 2026	\$4,571	\$5,092	\$6,228	\$5,104	\$7,952	\$11,445	\$8,796	\$9,864	\$14,288	\$14,998	\$6,744		\$95,082

State Managed Well Plugging Program

Cumulative Wells Plugged

July 2026

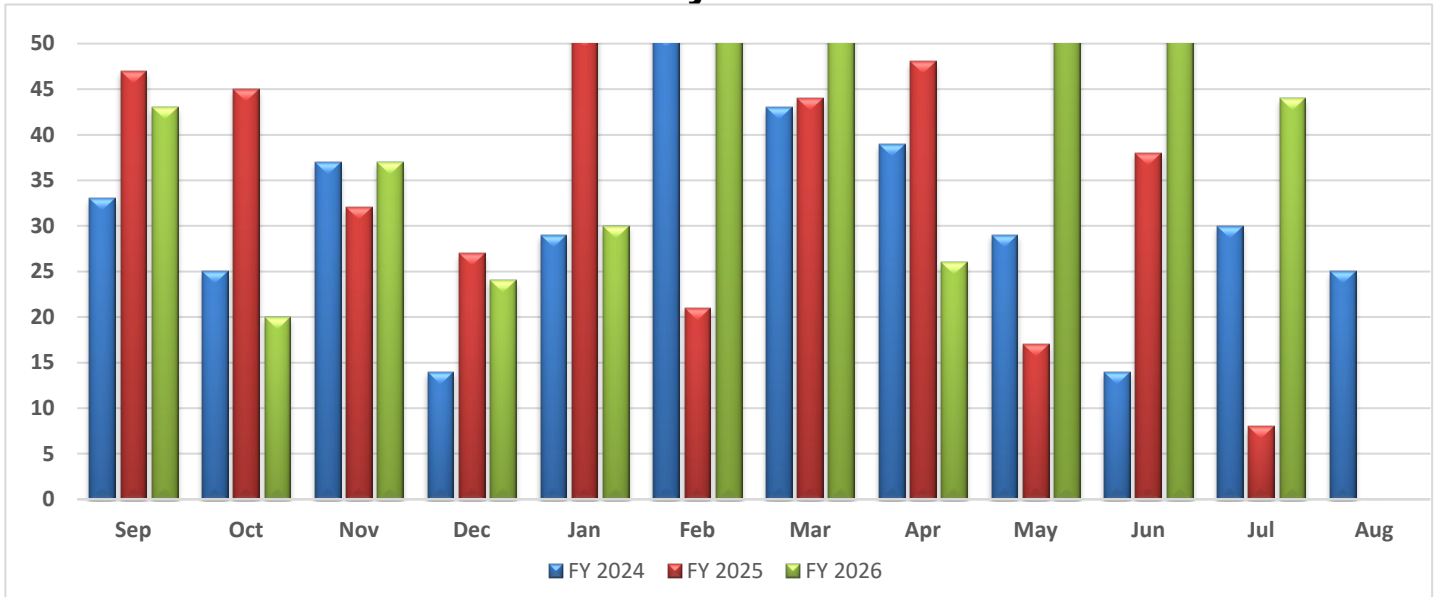


	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
FY 2024	65	211	313	431	547	601	667	760	852	1,031	1,223	1,256
FY 2025	191	321	435	508	590	653	822	906	943	953	990	1,101
FY 2026	86	210	340	447	652	810	957	1,165	1,368	1,594	1,690	

State Managed Well Plugging Program

Monthly Salvage Operations

July 2026

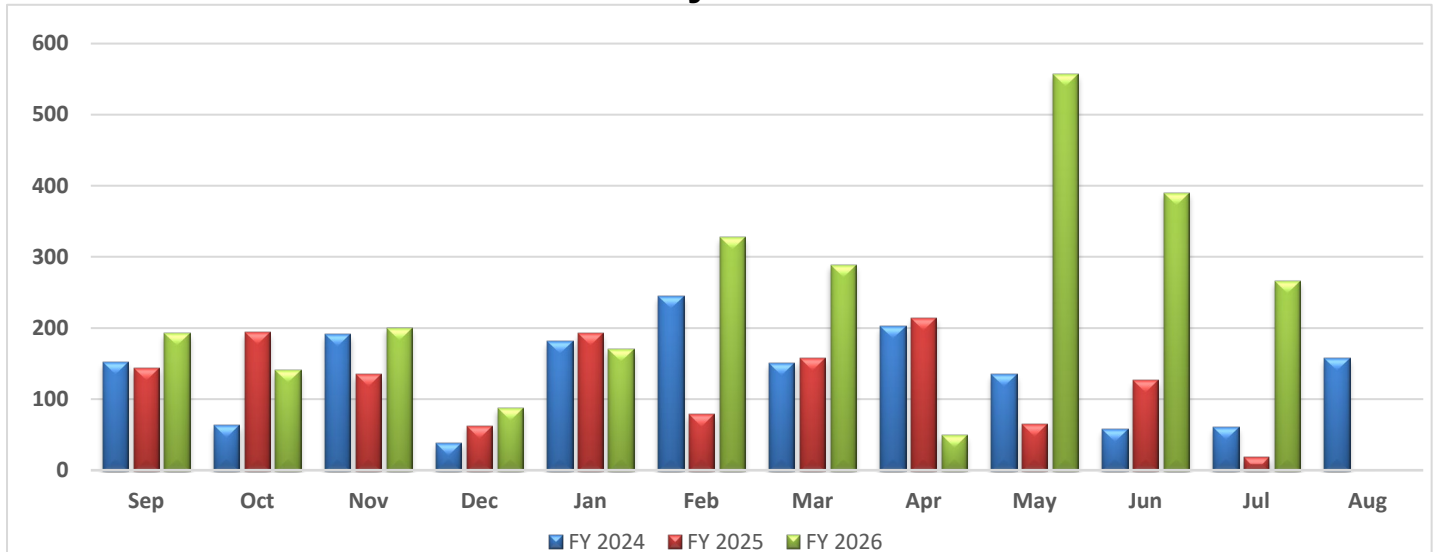


	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Tot
FY 2024	33	25	37	14	29	51	43	39	29	14	30	25	364
FY 2025	47	45	32	27	51	21	44	48	17	38	8	0	369
FY 2026	43	20	37	24	30	74	62	26	95	73	44		528

State Managed Well Plugging Program

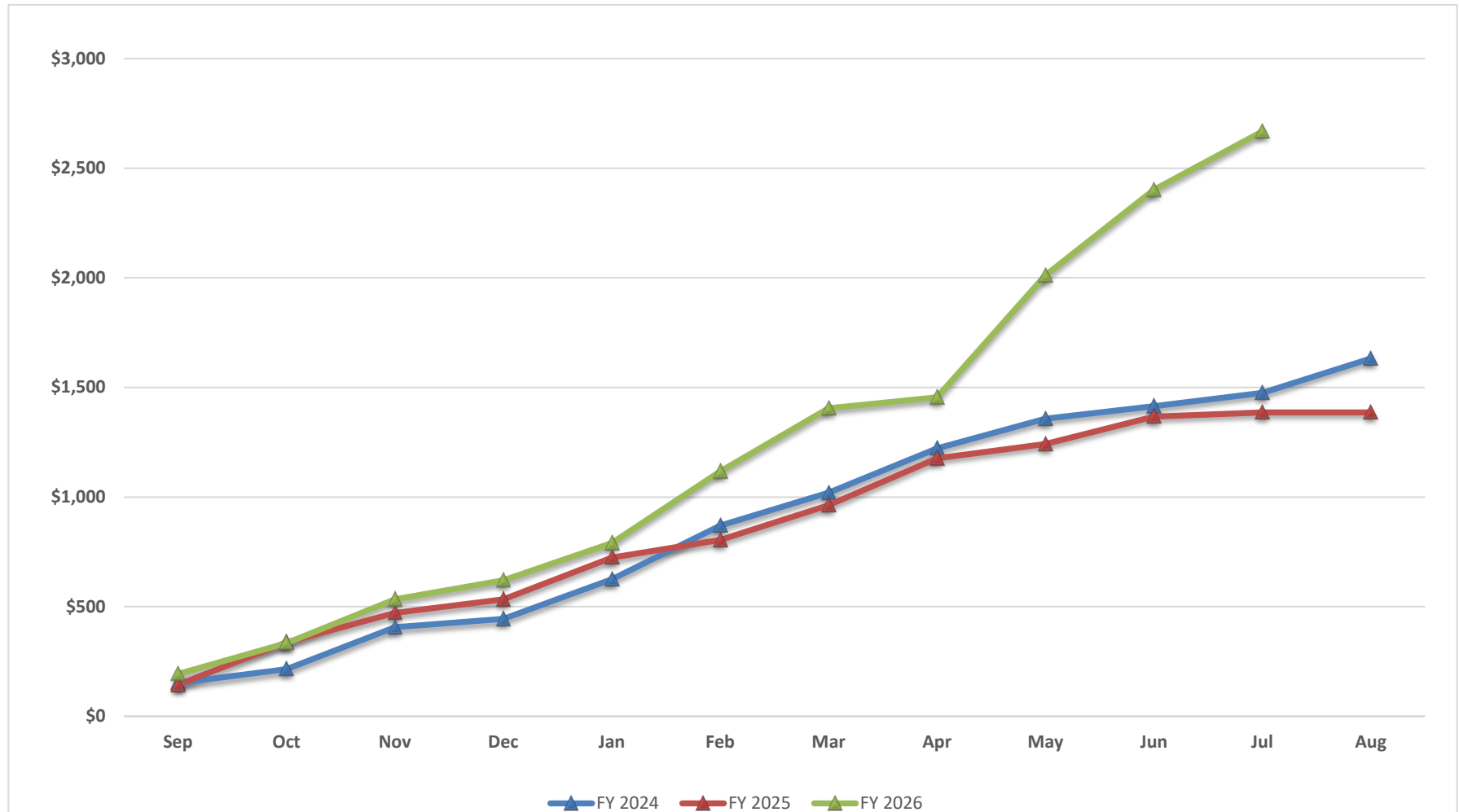
Monthly Salvage Proceeds

July 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		\$2,667

State Managed Well Plugging Program Cumulative Salvage Proceeds July 2026



\$M	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
FY 2024	\$152	\$215	\$406	\$444	\$625	\$870	\$1,020	\$1,222	\$1,357	\$1,414	\$1,475	\$1,632
FY 2025	\$144	\$338	\$472	\$534	\$724	\$805	\$962	\$1,176	\$1,242	\$1,367	\$1,386	\$1,386
FY 2026	\$193	\$334	\$533	\$620	\$790	\$1,117	\$1,405	\$1,455	\$2,011	\$2,402	\$2,668	