

Overview of Railroad Commission Regulations

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The Who

- The Railroad Commission of Texas is that State Agency that regulates the Oil and Gas industry, Gas Utilities, Pipeline Safety, Safety in Liquefied Petroleum Gas, Surface Mining of Coal and Uranium.
- The Railroad Commission of Texas ceased regulating railroads in 2005
- The Railroad Commission of Texas, AKA “the RRC” and “Texas Railroad Commission.”

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1891
Texas Legislature Establishes the Railroad Commission of Texas

1917
The RRC begins regulating oil pipelines-common carriers

1919
The RRC begins regulating oil and gas production – the first statewide rule (Rule 37) adopted

1920
The RRC begins regulating gas pipelines

1929
RRC employees authorized to hold hearings (Statewide subpoena)

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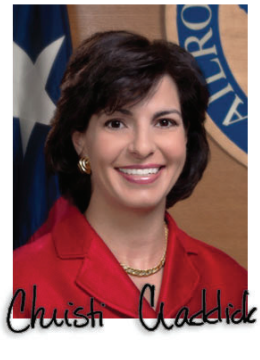
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August 7, 1931 – Governor J. Ross Sterling, finding a state of insurrection existed in the East Texas Field, declares martial law in the area and places General Jacob Wolters in charge, ordering him to shut in all wells temporarily in order to preserve oil.

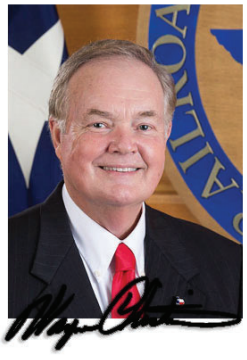
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Commissioners

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