

What You (Yes, You) Need to Know to Drill and Complete an Oil or Gas Well in Texas.

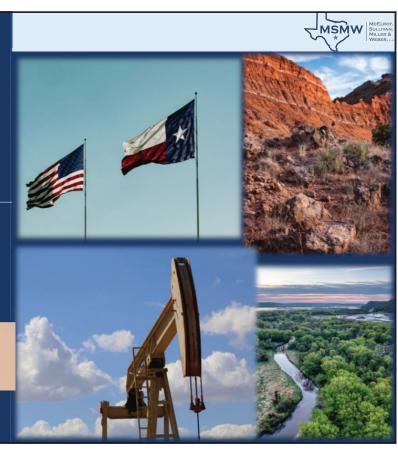
An overview of the key rules, forms and trouble spots involved in obtaining authority from the Railroad Commission of Texas to drill and complete an oil or gas well.



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History

Oil and gas well permitting is handled by the Railroad Commission of Texas ("RRC")

- 1891 Created by legislative enactment
- 1919 Oil & Gas Division
- 1920 Gas Utilities
- 1976 Surface Mining
- 1984 Alternative Fuels
- (2005 Ceased oversight of railroads)

Overview & Jurisdiction

Enabling statute(s): Texas Natural Resources Code

- §85.041 Prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and prevent pollution
- §85.042 Adopt rules and orders as necessary

Jurisdiction:

- Oil and Gas
- Pipeline Safety
- Alternative Fuels
- Gas Utilities
- Mining and Exploration

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Commissioners



So, you want to drill a well?

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Are you sure?

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