

# Railroad Commission Regulation and Practice Update

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## RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS



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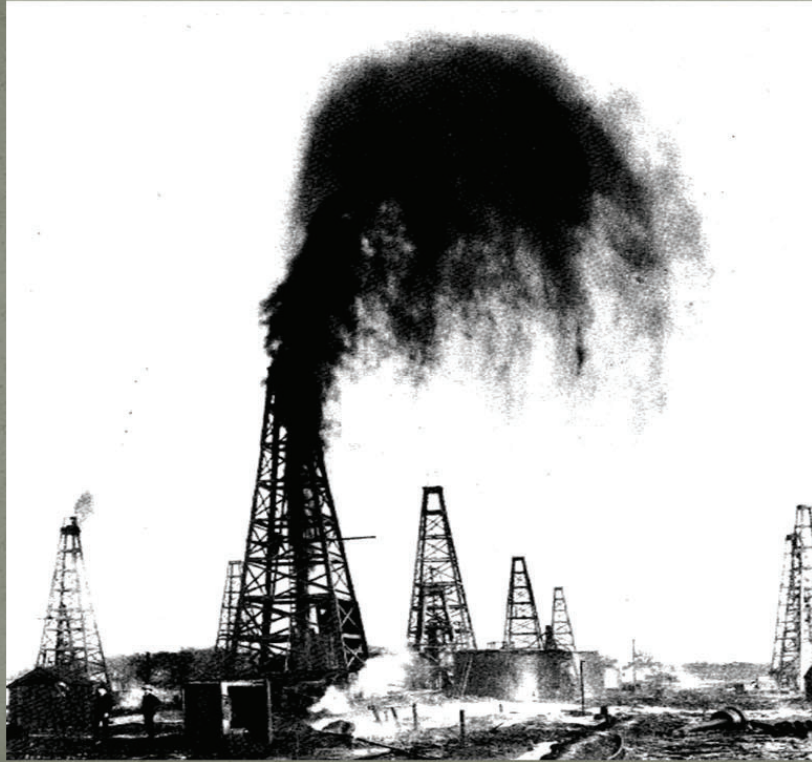
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## RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS MILESTONES

April 3, 1891:

Commission established to regulate railroads.

February 20, 1917:

Oil pipelines declared common carriers. Commission given jurisdiction.

March 1919:

Legislature requires conservation of oil and gas, forbidding waste and giving Commission jurisdiction.

November 26, 1919:

Commission adopts Rule 37 for oil and gas industry, requiring certain spacing between wells.

June 12, 1920:

Production and sale of natural gas declared a public utility. Commission given jurisdiction.

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# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS MILESTONES (CONT.)

March 19, 1923:

Water pollution by crude petroleum made a crime.

April 1, 1927:

Commission given jurisdiction over rates and operations of buses.

March 13, 1929:

Commission given jurisdiction over rates and operations of trucks.

1930:

Common Purchaser Act passed by Legislature.

June 2, 1951:

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Division of Commission created by Legislature.

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# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS MILESTONES (CONT.)

July 14, 1955:

Authority given to Commission to abate pollution of fresh water arising from oil and gas operations.

February 27, 1961:

Commission required to issue permits for injection wells.

August 30, 1965:

Mineral Interests Pooling Act enacted.

June 21, 1975:

Commission given authority to regulate surface mining and reclamation.

1982:

Commission granted authority of Class II well regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency.

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