

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
Oil and Gas Division



## NOTICE TO OIL AND GAS OPERATORS

### *Extension of Notification Requirements Under Statewide Rule 32*

On March 13, 2020 the Governor of Texas declared a state of disaster for the State of Texas due to the COVID-19 virus. The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) and a large number of operators are now working remotely in order to help respond to this situation. In recognition of these circumstances, the Commission is extending certain deadlines under Statewide Rule 32 (SWR 32), effective immediately, as follows:

- Operators shall notify the appropriate Commission district office by telephone or facsimile as soon as reasonably possible after the release of gas begins. Such notification may be provided after the initial 24 hours but no later than seven (7) calendar days from commencement of the release. For the duration of this Notice, operators may also notify the appropriate district office by email in lieu of by telephone or facsimile. The email addresses for notifications are available on the Commission's website at <https://rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/publications-and-notices/notices-to-operators/oil-and-gas-division-state-of-disaster-in-texas-waiver-requests/>.
- A request for an administrative exception under subsection (h) of SWR 32 shall be filed with the Commission by the end of the fourteenth(14<sup>th</sup>) calendar day following the first 24 hours of the release. For the duration of this Notice, operators may also submit their request for exception documentation (including proof of payment, such as credit card receipt) by email. Exception requests may be emailed to [EngUnit@rrc.texas.gov](mailto:EngUnit@rrc.texas.gov).

The Commission will issue a Notice to Oil and Gas Operators when this extension of notification requirements under SWR 32 is terminated.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the Commission at [EngUnit@rrc.texas.gov](mailto:EngUnit@rrc.texas.gov).

*Please Forward to the Appropriate Section of Your Company*