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Texas' Oil & Gas Production Declines due to COVID-19

Statewide oil and gas production significantly declined between March and April. The collapse in petroleum demand associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with negative shocks to the price of oil, prompted oil and gas operators to shut in wells and limit the number of new wells brought in to production. Between March and April, Texas oil production dropped by 234,000 barrels per day (-4.3%), while daily gas output shrank by 1,225 million cubic feet (-4.1%). During this time Texas' oil production plunged from a record of 5,434 thousand barrels per day in March, to 5,200 in April. Natural gas production



Source: US Energy Information Administration

fell from 29,856 MCF to 28,631 MCF. According to the US Energy Information Administration (US EIA), production declines of these magnitudes are typically observed during major natural disasters. US EIA's **Short Term Energy Outlook** anticipates that US oil and gas production will continue to decline in 2020 in to 2021.

New Data Visualization Maps Available on RRC Website

RRC has expanded the data visualization maps available on its website to include maps for its Abandoned Mine Land, Brownfield, and State Managed Cleanup programs. These new maps allow legislative and congressional offices to look-up RRC clean-up and remediation program activities within each Texas

county. The new maps are an addition to RRC's existing data visualization maps that allow the public to look up drilling permits, oil and gas production, and wells spudded across Texas.



Visit RRC's website to see these data visualization maps.

Coming Up: 8-1-1 Day on August 11th

Every six minutes, an underground utility line is damaged nationwide because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. In an effort to encourage Texans to call 811 before they dig, the Railroad Commission invites legislative offices to share this important message on Tuesday, August 11th – also known as 811 Day. The Railroad Commission's

social media channels will emphasize the importance of calling 8-1-1, a toll-free nationwide number, before beginning any excavation project or visit www.Texas811.org.

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