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RRC Energy Minute

For the 88th Legislature & the Texas Congressional Delegation

Weatherization Update



No priority is higher for the Railroad Commission than protection of the public, which is reflected in our robust implementation of Senate Bill 3 (87R). In addition to implementations required by legislation, the Railroad Commission has taken the following actions proactively to further enhance reliability of the electricity supply chain:

- Adopted pipeline curtailment rule that cemented gas-fired power plants as one of the highest priorities for natural gas delivery second only to human needs customers. The Commission took a similar action prior to Winter Storm Uri by issuing an emergency order. This new rule codified this action in the Texas Administrative Code, **Rule §3.66**
- Conducted audits to ensure critical load natural gas facilities submitted critical load designations to their power providers.
- Developed weatherization best practices and provided multiple in-person and virtual training classes to industry.

CID Inspector Steve Day inspecting a lease in Roberts County

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- Inspected 6,878 facilities this winter cycle which encompassed every natural gas facility on the supply chain map ensuring implementation of weatherization requirements and best practices.
- Organized workshops for operators to share their own weatherization practices with others.
- Provided training to industry operators on how to develop and improve the Emergency Operation Plan.
- Organized daily industry roundtables during weather events to coordinate assistance and collaboration among operators and agencies.
- Developed IT systems to facilitate electronic, online filing capabilities for various reports such as critical load designation and supply chain mapping information.

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