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Drilling Permits

• Permit approval numbers are for original filings approved during the selected month.
• Drilling permit locations shown are for the surface location of the well.
• To learn the path of a proposed well that will be directionally drilled, view the permit.

Wells Spudded

• Spud and surface casing information provided is for approved “New Drill” wells.
• The operator of a well must file with the Commission the appropriate completion report within 90 days after completion of the well or within 150 days after the date on which the drilling operation is completed, whichever is earlier.
• Well locations shown are for the surface location of the well.
• To learn the path of a proposed well that will be directionally drilled, view the permit.
• “Spud date” is the date of commencement of drilling operations, as shown on Commission records.
• Spud dates are captured by the operator contacting the Commission and reporting the date operations commenced.
• Spud date information provided is for approved “New Drill” wells.

Additional information:

• To view or copy issued drilling permits, visit the Drilling Permit (W-1) Query available in the Online Research Queries available on the Commission’s website at https://www.rrc.texas.gov/resource-center/research/research-queries/
• To view completion reports and directional surveys, visit the Well Completions Query available in the Online Research Queries available on the Commission’s website at https://www.rrc.texas.gov/resource-center/research/research-queries/.
• If you have questions regarding a drilling permit, contact the Commission’s Drilling Permits department at drillingpermits-info@rrc.texas.gov or 512-463-6751.
• If you have questions regarding a well spudded, contact the Commission’s Well Compliance department at prorationunit@rrc.texas.gov or 512-463-6975.