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*Our mission is to serve Texas by our stewardship of natural resources and the environment, our concern for personal and community safety, and our support of enhanced development and economic vitality for the benefit of Texans.*

## RRC Staying Ahead of the Game for the Upcoming Winter

While the RRC continues implementing legislation to help fortify the state’s energy supply, our staff is also taking proactive measures for Winter 2021-2022.

As operators come off the summer season and prep for winter operations, the Commission **issued a Notice to Operators** asking gas facility and gas pipeline facility operators to take all necessary actions as they prepare to operate during winter season 2021-2022.

We have sent notices to operators a couple of times this month reminding them of updating their information with their electric providers for critical load serving electric generation.

RRC staff also began site visits to observe winter preparedness of operators as they come off summer operations; we plan to complete between 15,000-20,000 of such visits before the end of the year.

## RRC Continues Strong Track Record of Inspections

By setting annual performance goals, the Legislature holds the RRC to high standards to ensure protecting public safety and the environment.

In Fiscal Year 2021, the RRC out-performed goals in the rigorous inspection programs over various industries we regulate – and gas, intrastate pipelines,

alternative fuels, and surface mining of coal.

Inspections are critical to preventing pollution, protecting residents, and even the safety of activities such as weekend barbecuing with the use of propane.

The following table shows many examples of the Railroad Commission’s success measures:

Category	Legislative Target	Achieved
Number of oil and gas well and facility inspections performed	189,367	308,922
Number of LPG/CNG/LNG safety inspections performed	20,000	20,604
Number of standard and follow-up comprehensive pipeline safety and inspections performed	3,129	3,598
Number of pipeline accident investigations and special investigations performed	1,200	2,043
Number of Coal Mining Inspections	400	416
Average number of oil and gas well and facility inspections performed by district office staff	1,199	1,816
Average number of LPG/CNG/LNG safety inspections per inspector	1,350	1,386

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