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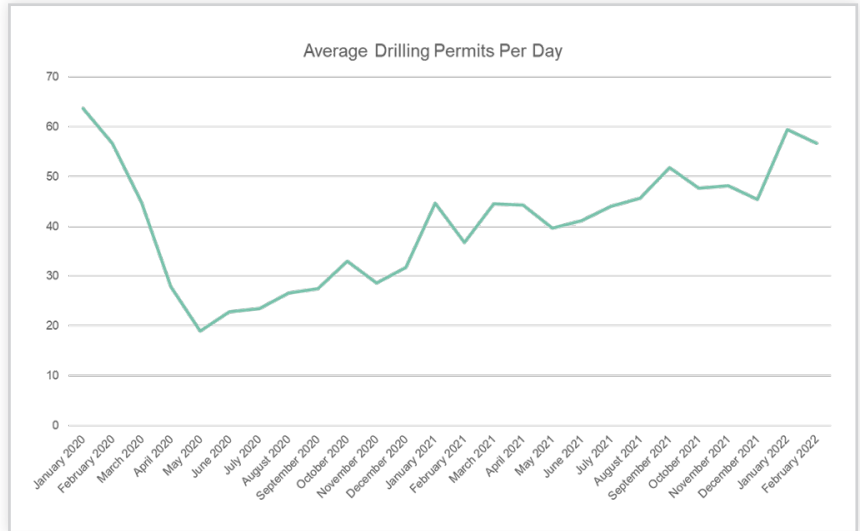
Texas a Global Leader - Oil & Gas

Recently, the U.S. Secretary of Energy called upon American energy producers to increase output “to stabilize the market and minimize harm to American families.” Texas continues to do its part to promote stability worldwide.

Texas is the top crude oil and natural gas producing state in the U.S., according to the most recent facts page on [the U.S. Energy Information Administration’s website](#). If Texas were a country, it would be the third largest producer in the world, behind the United States and Russia. Today, Texas is producing roughly 4.7 million daily barrels.

Texas accounts for 43 percent of the nation’s crude oil production and 26 percent of its marketed natural gas production.

The state’s 31 petroleum refineries can process almost 5.9 million barrels of crude oil per day, this was 31 percent of the U.S. refining capacity as of January 2020.



RRC Continues Improvements and Transparency to Flaring

The Railroad Commission recently launched a new online database of flaring and venting applications. The Flare/Vent Exceptions Query continues a years-long effort to take advantage of technologies and vastly improve public access to the RRC’s information.

The query, which is updated every night, makes available all applications for exception to Statewide Rule 32 (SWR 32) that were filed electronically with the agency from May 2, 2021, to present. SWR 32 specifies exempt and authorized flaring in which an operator can flare, including for safety reasons, without going through the application process to obtain an exception to the rule. Any other flaring request would go through the application for exception to the rule and reviewed.

The latest data show that in November less than 0.2 percent of natural gas produced was flared, which was a record low. As the chart shows, the amount of gas flared has been on a steady decline from 2.7 percent since June 2019.

The flaring query has several fields for which a user could search including operator name, county, and exception status. All search results have an Actions button for more information on the applications.

The RRC has published a User Guide for the new query at https://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/u4hc253p/swr-32-public-query-user_guide_1-0.pdf.