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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 Launches Online Reporting System Modernizing Oil & Gas Reports

On July 1st, the Railroad Commission announced the launch of LoneSTAR (State Tracking and Reporting), streamlining oil and gas filings by modernizing our systems to allow online digital submission and tracking.

LoneSTAR allows operators to submit Form P-5 (organizational report) filings online, which are required to operate oil and gas activities in Texas. LoneSTAR improves efficiency for the agency and oil and gas operators by reducing the extensive paperwork operators are required to submit, streamlining the day-to-day review process by the RRC staff. Additionally, operators can monitor the P-5 approval process online, fix compliance-related issues in real time, and view historical records online.

Other forms associated with the P-5 process can also be filed online through LoneSTAR: Form W-3C, for Certification of Surface Equipment Removal for an Inactive Well, and Form W-3X, the Application for an Extension of Deadline for Plugging an Inactive Well.

“The LoneSTAR launch marks a significant advancement to the way the agency interacts with operators and will improve the agency’s ability to prioritize health and safety for all Texans and the environment while ensuring the state’s economic powerhouse can continue to thrive,” said RRC Chairman Christi Craddick.

“The Commission is widely recognized as a global leader in energy regulation, and as Commissioner, I want to ensure it retains that reputation by minimizing the regulatory burden on producers and building a 21st-century agency that’s the envy of the world. I want to congratulate and thank all the RRC staff that worked so hard on this project,” said RRC Commissioner Wayne Christian.

“Innovation spurred the shale revolution, but it was efficient operations that ultimately resulted in America becoming the leading energy producer in the world,” said RRC Commissioner Jim Wright. “The launch of LoneSTAR will not only improve our effectiveness here at the Railroad Commission but will also reduce the paperwork burden for our Texas energy producers, allowing for greater efficiency in their day-to-day operations.”

While the RRC will continue to accept hard copy filings of Forms P-5, W-3C, and W-3X, operators are strongly encouraged to file online for efficient and timely filing.



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