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October 2024 Monthly Update





Another Successful Statewide Members Meeting!

At the beginning of the month, TLMA hosted the 2024 Statewide Members Meeting at the McNay Art Museum in San Antonio. We had a great turnout at both the meeting and the cocktail reception. Thank you very much to all of those who participated – speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, and attendees! We greatly appreciate your continued support of the association and hope you had a wonderful time networking and learning from our presenters.

If you registered for the meeting, we sent you the presentations and CLE information via email. If you did not receive that email, please email info@tlma.org for the information.

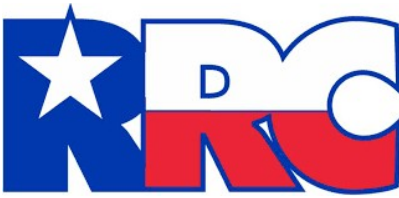
We look forward to another wonderful meeting in 2025 and will announce the date and location in the near future.



RRC Releases Rule on Geothermal

In late September, the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) released a proposed rulemaking on geothermal wells following the passage of SB 786 during the 88th Legislative Session. Comments are due on **November 12 by 5:00 PM**. You can view the [rule](#) and file comments on the [RRC website](#).

TLMA is in the process of evaluating the rule to determine if we will file comments.



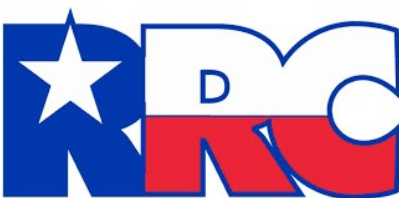
RRC Waste Rule Comments

The RRC rule governing the management of oil and gas waste has not been updated since the early 1980s. Since then, drilling practices – and, in turn, the types and amounts of waste - have significantly changed. The RRC's overhaul of the current rule is a [proposed rulemaking](#) of over 300 pages. The rule covers on-lease and off-lease, commercial and non-commercial, fluid and solid disposal and encompasses most, if not all, aspects of oil and gas waste.

TLMA filed comments supporting an update of the rule but noted its shortcomings and areas in need of greater protections for groundwater and surface owners. You can view our comments at this [link](#). You can also read all of the other comments filed, close to 700 in all, by following this [link](#).

If you would like to review the proposed rule, you can view it at this [link](#).

We will share the final rule when it is available.



RRC Lithium/Brine Production Rule

At the RRC open meeting this month, the RRC approved a rule proposal for brine production wells and Class V Spent Brine Return Injection wells as a result of SB 1186 from the 88th legislative session.

As discussed at the Statewide Members Meeting, this rule and the development of new technologies will provide a new revenue opportunity for our members.

TLMA is also reviewing this rule to determine if we will file comments.

You can view the rule text at this [link](#). If you are impacted by the rulemaking, you are welcome to file comments by following the instructions at this [link](#). Select “Chapter 3 Oil and Gas Division” and scroll down to the Brine rule.

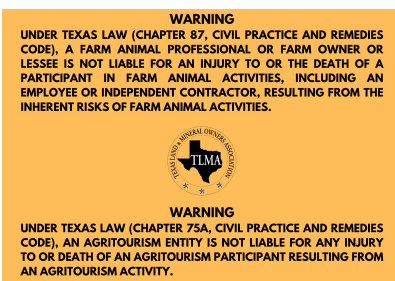
The rule will be published in the Texas Register on November 1. Comments are due by **December 2 at noon**.



Small Towns. Big Possibilities. - Texas Tribune Rural Symposium

In just a couple of weeks on November 13 and 14, the Texas Tribune will be hosting the Rural Symposium in San Antonio. The Rural Symposium features two days of conversations on the future of rural Texas. This event is free to the public. You can see the full agenda and more information on their event website:

<https://smalltownsbigpossibilities.splashthat.com/eventsnewsletter>



TLMA Liability Signs Presale

The TLMA Farm Liability Act signs are still available for presale! You can order online by using this [form](#) or emailing info@tlma.org with the number of signs and shipping address. The 20" x 14" signs are \$40 each. They will be available for presale until we hit the minimum required or through the end of the year.

Do you have a topic or issues you want to be included in the monthly newsletter? Please email it to info@tlma.org for review and potential inclusion.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Friday, November 1 – FINAL day to early vote

Tuesday, November 5 – General Election Day in Texas

Thursday, November 7 – [RRC Mapping Automation Portal Webinar Training](#)

Tuesday, November 12 – Comments on Geothermal Rulemaking Due by 5:00 PM

Wednesday, November 13 and Thursday, November 14 – Texas Tribune Rural Symposium, San Antonio

Tuesday, November 19 – RRC Open Meeting

Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 – TLMA Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Monday, December 2 – Comments on Lithium/Brine Production Rulemaking Due by 12:00 PM

Additional Articles and Links

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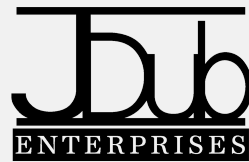
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