

Our Mission

Commission Shift is reforming oil and gas oversight by building public support to hold the **Railroad Commission of Texas** accountable to its mission in a shifting energy landscape.

About Us

Commission Shift **develops solutions** to protect consumer rights, prevent orphaned oil and gas wells, and ensure Texans have full access to information and participation opportunities at the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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Has oil and gas development impacted you? We want to hear your story.



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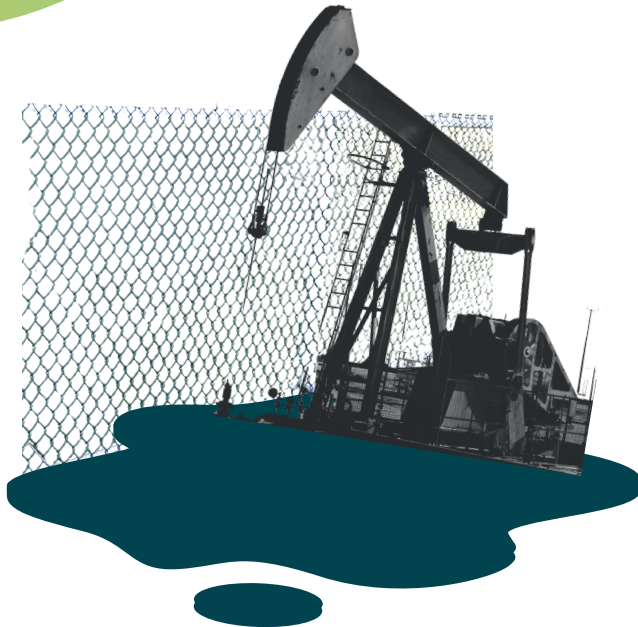


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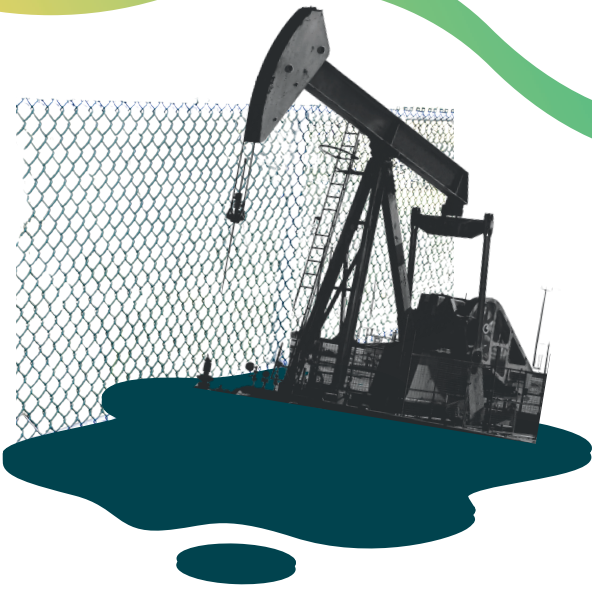


**OIL AND GAS
WASTE PITS**

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Oil and Gas Waste Pits



What are they?

Waste pits are open air pits where oil and gas companies dump liquid and solid waste from the oilfield. Material disposed in waste pits may include drill cuttings, spent completion fluid, working fluids, and other oil and gas production waste. Some pits are located on well pads, and others combine waste from surrounding well sites.



Impacts

Waste pits can sicken nearby community members, contaminate surface and groundwater, release harmful gas, and poison cattle and wildlife.

Impacted community members largely bear the burden of proving that these facilities harm human and environmental health, when it should be the responsibility of the company and the Railroad Commission of Texas, our state oil and gas agency, to protect Texans from these risks.

Learn More

Check out our website for more resources, including interactive maps of waste pits across Texas!



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Solutions

- **Strengthen minimum siting and construction standards** for all waste pits to include things like liners and setbacks.
- **Strengthen groundwater monitoring** to prevent leakage or improper handling of waste, which can introduce harmful chemicals and pollutants into drinking water.
- **Require companies to provide information about the waste** to the landowner, county, and Railroad Commission.
- **Require companies to obtain permission from landowners before burying waste** and require them to provide full-cost bonding for pit closures.



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