



Texas Inactive Well Monitor

July 2026 Edition · data as of 7/10/2026

Change vs June 2026 (6/10)

120,574

Inactive Wells
▲ +252 vs Jun

3,595

Operators
▼ 12 vs Jun

\$16.8B

Est. Plugging Liability
▲ +\$121M vs Jun

21,603

SB 1150-Exposed
▼ 18 vs Jun

27,599

Denied Extensions
▼ 1,632 vs Jun

6,440

Past Compliance Deadline
▼ 250 vs Jun

What changed this month

On an organic basis (operatorship transfers excluded), Texas's inactive list moved a net +252 — 1,529 wells newly entered the list and 1,277 left it (plugged or reactivated). 117 wells newly crossed the 15-year SB 1150 line, and denied extensions fell 1,632 on net (2,097 new against 3,729 resolved). Separately, 2,111 wells changed operator through operatorship transfers this month — tracked apart below, since they move wells between operators but net to zero statewide. Estimated plugging liability rose \$121M to \$16.8B.

This month's movers — organic (operatorship transfers excluded)

Wells that truly entered or left the inactive list under each operator — not counting wells that merely changed hands.

▲ Largest organic increases

Hilcorp Energy Company	+110
Maverick Permian Llc	+75
Blue Ridge Operating Llc	+67
Hubbard Operating	+34
Texas Green Energy Services Llc	+33

▼ Largest organic decreases

Mojo Exploration & Production, L	-123
Arcooil Corp	-37
Occidental Permian Ltd.	-32
Braka Operating, L.L.C.	-24
Strawn Operating Co., L.L.C.	-23

Operatorship transfers (largest, June → July)

Same wells, new operator. These net to zero statewide and are excluded from the organic figures above.

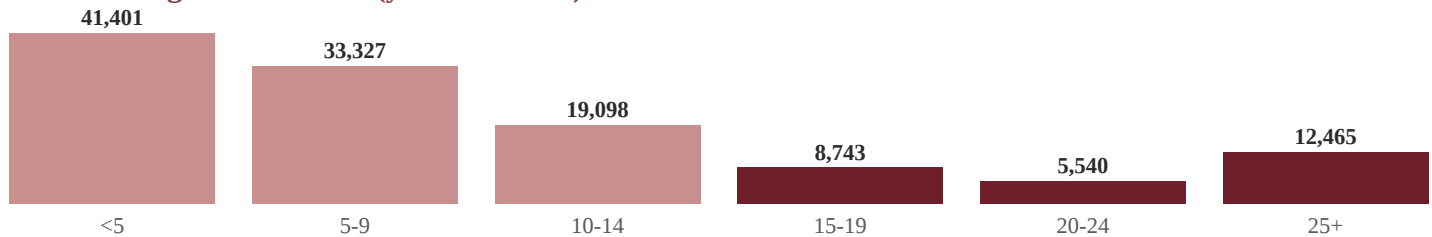
From operator	To operator	Wells transferred
Dara Operating Company, Llc	→ Waggoner Operating, L.L.C.	1,139
84 Energy Llc	→ Hd Operating Co, Llc	417
Sheridan Production Co Iii,	→ Diversified Production Llc	126
Oxy Usa Wtp Eor, Llc	→ Hilcorp Energy Company	61
Mojo Exploration & Productio	→ Atibara Operating, Llc	54
Hilcorp Energy Company	→ Occidental Permian Eor, Llc	35



The Landscape — Inactive Wells by RRC District

RRC District	Inactive	Δ vs Jun	SB 1150	Denied	Past Due	Avg Yr	Est. Liability
08 Midland — Permian	30,241	+284	4,647	5,748	1,727	8.5	\$9.0B
09 North TX (Wichita Falls)	13,025	+72	1,801	2,260	547	8.8	\$346M
10 Panhandle	11,269	-27	1,824	2,093	508	10.0	\$1.1B
7C San Angelo	9,343	+33	1,343	1,196	298	8.3	\$698M
8A Lubbock — Permian NW	9,109	+74	1,900	1,564	624	10.1	\$755M
04 Deep South TX	8,402	-14	2,137	2,797	437	12.1	\$1.2B
03 Southeast TX	8,342	+61	2,768	2,045	458	13.1	\$1.3B
06 East TX (Pittsburg)	7,945	-32	1,110	1,391	222	9.2	\$1.0B
7B West Central TX	7,519	-49	1,423	3,431	641	9.4	\$269M
01 San Antonio	7,363	-126	1,004	3,047	416	7.9	\$380M
02 Refugio	5,156	+3	1,082	1,300	347	10.6	\$489M
05 East TX (Kilgore)	2,078	-21	351	578	196	9.9	\$185M
6E East TX (Overton)	782	-6	213	149	19	11.2	\$34M
Statewide	120,574	+252	21,603	27,599	6,440	9.6	\$16.8B

Statewide age distribution (years inactive)



Burgundy bands (15+ years) are exposed to the SB 1150 15-year cap.



Operators in Focus

Highest-exposure operators (statewide)

#	Operator	Inactive	SB 1150	Denied	Past Due	Avg Yr	Est. Liability
1	Hilcorp Energy Company	6,427	1,775	120	64	11.6	\$1.1B
2	Merit Energy Company	1,080	239	1,048	0	11.6	\$204M
3	Occidental Permian Ltd.	1,716	633	16	0	13.9	\$297M
4	Kinder Morgan Production Co Llc	1,198	359	44	0	13.8	\$126M
5	Crescent Energy Operating, Llc	2,361	253	29	0	7.7	\$577M
6	Burk Royalty Co., Ltd.	1,679	336	27	0	9.7	\$168M
7	Large Operating Llc	1,146	143	43	0	10.4	\$58M
8	Upp Operating, Llc	1,577	271	33	0	9.4	\$114M
9	Atlas Operating Llc	769	176	96	6	10.7	\$86M
10	Bjg Operating Company	449	374	43	0	23.1	\$16M
11	Maverick Energy Group, Inc.	337	98	337	0	11.6	\$13M
12	Bce-Mach Iii Llc	1,677	158	17	0	8.6	\$204M
13	Waggoner Operating, L.L.C.	1,191	551	4	0	15.1	\$14M
14	Basa Resources, Inc.	660	262	13	0	15.0	\$59M
15	Formentera Operations Llc	1,806	139	11	0	7.5	\$424M
16	Scout Energy Management Llc	1,032	190	15	4	9.8	\$158M

Ranked by a blended exposure score across all 3,595 operators.

Methodology

Figures are from the TXRRC monthly Inactive Well Aging Report (current: 7/10/2026; prior month: 6/10/2026), excluding already-plugged wells. 'SB 1150-exposed' counts wells inactive more than 15 years and completed over 25 years ago. Month-over-month changes reflect real movement in the list (additions, resolutions, operatorship transfers, and status changes). Plugging-liability figures are the RRC's standardized per-well estimates.

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