



Texas Inactive Well Monitor

August 2026 Edition · data as of 8/10/2026

Change vs July 2026 (7/10)

120,714

Inactive Wells
▲ +140 vs Jul

3,578

Operators
▼ 17 vs Jul

\$16.8B

Est. Plugging Liability
▲ +\$27M vs Jul

21,628

SB 1150-Exposed
▲ +25 vs Jul

30,807

Denied Extensions
▲ +3,208 vs Jul

6,771

Past Compliance Deadline
▲ +331 vs Jul

What changed this month

On an organic basis (operatorship transfers excluded), Texas's inactive list moved a net +140 — 1,354 wells newly entered the list and 1,214 left it (plugged or reactivated). 166 wells newly crossed the 15-year SB 1150 line, and denied extensions fell 3,208 on net (5,654 new against 2,446 resolved). Separately, 1,648 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 \$27M 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

Crescent Energy Operating, Llc	+78
Marathon Oil Ef Llc	+57
Black'S Oil & Gas	+37
P & A Operating, Inc.	+32
Ineos Usa Oil & Gas Llc	+27

▼ Largest organic decreases

Diamondback E&P Llc	-32
Maverick Permian Llc	-27
Pioneer Natural Res. Usa, Inc.	-25
5 G Resources, Llc	-22
United Oil & Shale Llc	-19

Operatorship transfers (largest, July → August)

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

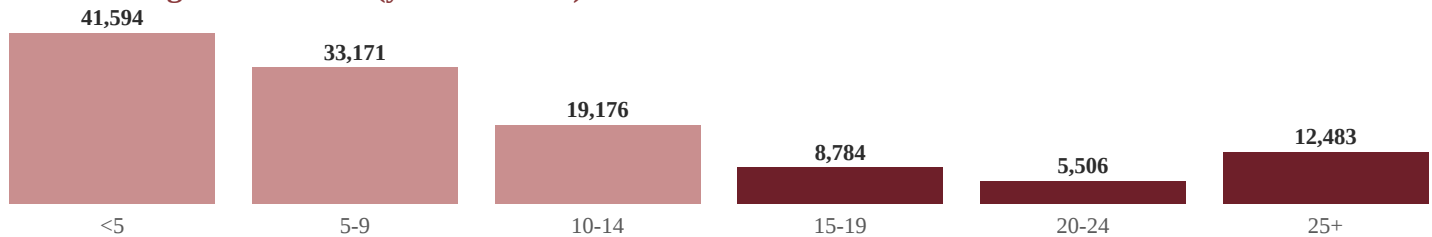
From operator	To operator	Wells transferred
Cross Timbers Energy, Llc	→ Ctoc Energy, Llc	441
Diversified Production Llc	→ Eagleridge Operating, Llc	317
Texas Petroleum Investment C	→ Rising Star Energy Partners	116
Occidental Permian Eor, Llc	→ Hilcorp Energy Company	111
Walsh & Watts, Inc.	→ United Oil & Shale Llc	79
Vaquero Operating	→ Diamond G Production	75



The Landscape — Inactive Wells by RRC District

RRC District	Inactive	Δ vs Jul	SB 1150	Denied	Past Due	Avg Yr	Est. Liability
08 Midland — Permian	30,261	+20	4,643	5,690	1,740	8.5	\$9.0B
09 North TX (Wichita Falls)	13,026	+1	1,837	2,150	522	8.9	\$346M
10 Panhandle	11,257	-12	1,827	2,165	880	10.1	\$1.1B
7C San Angelo	9,331	-12	1,344	1,099	297	8.4	\$697M
8A Lubbock — Permian NW	9,069	-40	1,892	1,623	576	10.1	\$752M
04 Deep South TX	8,419	+17	2,139	4,287	466	12.1	\$1.2B
03 Southeast TX	8,338	-4	2,757	2,718	406	13.1	\$1.3B
06 East TX (Pittsburg)	7,931	-14	1,121	1,326	215	9.2	\$1.0B
7B West Central TX	7,502	-17	1,403	3,301	622	9.4	\$268M
01 San Antonio	7,489	+126	1,009	3,060	395	7.8	\$392M
02 Refugio	5,243	+87	1,085	2,307	360	10.5	\$502M
05 East TX (Kilgore)	2,073	-5	350	893	271	10.0	\$185M
6E East TX (Overton)	775	-7	221	188	21	11.2	\$34M
Statewide	120,714	+140	21,628	30,807	6,771	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	6,644	1,829	3,573	151	11.5	\$1.2B
2	Merit Energy Company	1,076	240	1,042	0	11.6	\$203M
3	Occidental Permian Ltd.	1,704	627	23	0	13.9	\$294M
4	Kinder Morgan Production Co Llc	1,179	359	46	0	14.0	\$124M
5	Crescent Energy Operating, Llc	2,450	247	14	0	7.4	\$596M
6	Burk Royalty Co., Ltd.	1,689	337	19	0	9.7	\$170M
7	Large Operating Llc	1,145	147	43	0	10.5	\$58M
8	Upp Operating, Llc	1,587	276	29	0	9.4	\$115M
9	Waggoner Operating, L.L.C.	1,203	572	7	0	15.3	\$15M
10	Atlas Operating Llc	772	172	100	6	10.6	\$86M
11	Bce-Mach Iii Llc	1,701	158	16	0	8.5	\$209M
12	Basa Resources, Inc.	659	262	13	0	15.1	\$58M
13	Maverick Energy Group, Inc.	335	97	335	0	11.6	\$13M
14	Scout Energy Management Llc	1,019	189	14	0	9.9	\$155M
15	Formentera Operations Llc	1,800	141	7	0	7.5	\$423M
16	Hd Operating Co, Llc	448	240	34	0	16.6	\$27M

Ranked by a blended exposure score across all 3,578 operators.

Methodology

Figures are from the TXRRC monthly Inactive Well Aging Report (current: 8/10/2026; prior month: 7/10/2026), 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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