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Texas Inactive Well Monitor

September 2026 Edition · data as of 9/10/2026 **Change vs August 2026 (8/10)**

120,231	3,578	$12.2B
Inactive Wells ▼ 483 vs Aug	Operators no change	Est. Plugging Liability cost basis revised ↓

21,653	31,496	6,933
SB 1150-Exposed ▲ +25 vs Aug	Denied Extensions ▲ +689 vs Aug	Past Compliance Deadline ▲ +162 vs Aug

What changed since the last report

On an organic basis (operatorship transfers excluded), Texas's inactive list moved a net -483 — 1,055 wells newly entered the list and 1,538 left it (plugged or reactivated). 147 wells newly crossed the 15-year SB 1150 line, and denied extensions fell 689 on net (3,257 new against 2,568 resolved). Separately, 1,426 wells changed operator through operatorship transfers since the last report — tracked apart below, since they move wells between operators but net to zero statewide. Estimated plugging liability now stands at $12.2B — but note the RRC revised its per-well plugging-cost estimate schedule for this report (every well recomputed, median roughly −16%), so the move from $16.8B reflects that revised cost basis, not wells leaving the inventory.

Movers since the last report — 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		▼ Largest organic decreases	
Magnolia Oil & Gas Operating Llc	+42	Fw Eagle Ford I, Llc	-52
Koko Skadi, Llc	+31	Pioneer Natural Res. Usa, Inc.	-43
R2Q Operating Llc	+31	E2 Operating Llc	-42
Williams, A. Oil	+22	Eog Resources, Inc.	-41
Tep Barnett Usa, Llc	+19	Diamondback E&P Llc	-40

Operatorship transfers (largest, August → September)

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

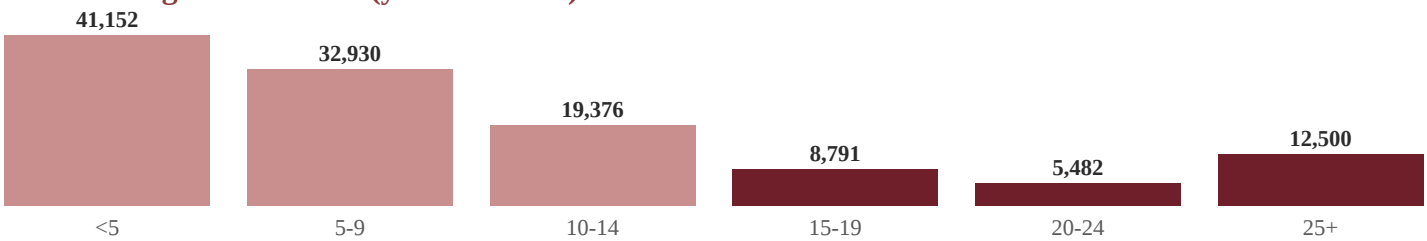
From operator		To operator	Wells transferred
Extex Operating Company	→	R2Q Operating Llc	246
Allegiant Resources, Llc	→	Goldking Minerals Mgmt, L.L.	241
84 Energy Llc	→	Iron Jaw Operating Llc	166
Jay Management Company, Llc	→	Great American Resources Inc	89
Occidental Permian Eor, Llc	→	Hilcorp Energy Company	72
Anejo Production, Llc	→	M.K.B. Energy Corp	58

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The Landscape — Inactive Wells by RRC District

RRC District		Inactive	Δ vs Aug	SB 1150	Denied	Past Due	Avg Yr	Est. Liability
08	Midland — Permian	30,064	**-197**	4,637	5,790	1,739	8.6	$5.8B
09	North TX (Wichita Falls)	13,036	**+10**	1,838	2,526	582	8.8	$293M
10	Panhandle	11,228	**-29**	1,827	2,328	914	10.1	$1.2B
7C	San Angelo	9,290	**-41**	1,350	1,095	301	8.4	$723M
8A	Lubbock — Permian NW	9,021	**-48**	1,895	1,710	542	10.2	$654M
04	Deep South TX	8,401	**-18**	2,160	4,502	467	12.2	$828M
03	Southeast TX	8,337	**-1**	2,757	2,570	431	13.0	$707M
06	East TX (Pittsburg)	7,929	**-2**	1,131	1,426	244	9.3	$788M
7B	West Central TX	7,523	**+21**	1,394	3,301	641	9.3	$244M
01	San Antonio	7,392	**-97**	1,014	3,071	439	7.9	$394M
02	Refugio	5,176	**-67**	1,080	2,176	376	10.5	$384M
05	East TX (Kilgore)	2,066	**-7**	349	870	240	10.0	$223M
6E	East TX (Overton)	768	**-7**	221	131	17	11.3	$33M
Statewide		**120,231**	**-483**	**21,653**	**31,496**	**6,933**	**9.6**	**$12.2B**

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	6,775	1,842	3,541	137	11.5	$826M
2	Merit Energy Company	1,077	245	1,037	0	11.7	$146M
3	Occidental Permian Ltd.	1,685	622	24	0	14.0	$206M
4	R2Q Operating Llc	1,295	346	145	0	11.0	$44M
5	Burk Royalty Co., Ltd.	1,696	341	101	0	9.7	$144M
6	Kinder Morgan Production Co Llc	1,142	361	47	0	14.7	$88M
7	Crescent Energy Operating, Llc	2,449	250	15	0	7.4	$406M
8	Large Operating Llc	1,142	145	43	0	10.6	$64M
9	Upp Operating, Llc	1,600	282	29	0	9.5	$119M
10	Atlas Operating Llc	770	173	91	13	10.7	$65M
11	Waggoner Operating, L.L.C.	1,214	571	5	0	15.1	$13M
12	Bce-Mach Iii Llc	1,704	159	16	0	8.6	$172M
13	D10 Energy Llc	458	290	25	0	19.0	$25M
14	Maverick Energy Group, Inc.	331	97	331	0	11.6	$13M
15	Mountain V Texas, Llc	353	59	353	0	12.2	$37M
16	Formentera Operations Llc	1,797	143	10	0	7.7	$278M

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

Methodology

Figures are from the TXRRC monthly Inactive Well Aging Report (current: 9/10/2026; prior report: 8/10/2026), 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; the RRC revised this estimate schedule for the 9/10/2026 report, lowering most per-well figures, so period-over-period liability changes reflect that revision rather than inventory change.

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