



# Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association

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## Welcome to the Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association.

Let me give you a little history of the association, in November of 1999, 54 original members founded the Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association (TLMA). This small group of landowners agreed that if we did not do something to protect land and mineral owner's rights in Texas that the negative economic impact and irreversible damage to our land and groundwater would continue to escalate. Today TLMA has grown to over 1,200 members statewide. **We want you to join us!**

Our primary goals are oilfield cleanup, protection of surface and groundwater, accurate royalty payments and to encourage new drilling of the state's oil and gas resources. This Legislative Session we had two bills up for consideration. One was a simple notice bill requiring operators to give notice to surface owners prior to commencing operations and the other requiring pipeline operators to report contamination. The pipeline contamination bill passed. Both these bills are continued steps toward positive relationships and proper environmental stewardship.

TLMA will continue to work tirelessly to influence the oil industry to begin plugging the over 100,000 idle rusting wells across the state that threaten our aquifers.

The association maintains an office in Austin. We employ our lobbying staff between sessions and are active on a full time basis at the Railroad Commission. In comparison to our simple means and efforts, there are at least five lobbying associations supported exclusively by oil companies working against our interests in Austin. In 2004, the energy lobby reported almost 1,000 lobbying contracts at the Capitol. Much of this time and money is spent on issues which detrimentally affect your royalty, your land and the groundwater under it.

Without you, TLMA would not be able to sponsor bills, file "friend of the court" briefs and represent your interests with both the Railroad Commission and the Legislature. Your dues do not support a political action committee (PAC) or go toward political contributions. 70% of your membership dues may be tax deductible as a business expense.

By joining you will help us to achieve accurate royalty payments, preserve the water table under your land from oil field pollution, and limit oil field and pipeline activity which reduces the value of your land without fair compensation or remediation. You also can participate in direct contact with Legislators and Railroad Commissioners on our issues, receive a quarterly newsletter, attend meetings in most parts of the state, and receive educational material and information from events across Texas that affect you. In your second year of membership or for a membership of over \$250 you are eligible to receive the *TLMA Oil and Gas Lease Form*. Visit our web site at [www.tlma.org](http://www.tlma.org).

Please contact me should you have any questions or considerations or join us by completing the attached membership form and mailing it with a check for the annual dues level you can afford to the Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association. I hope to have the opportunity to visit with you again.

Sincerely,

Kitty-Sue Quinn, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

## Application For Membership

***To the Executive Director and Members of the Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association: I hereby state that I desire to become a member of the Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association. In case of acceptance, I agree to conform to the bylaws governing the Association and to pay the cost of membership checked below.***

### TLMA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 / year	<b>Individual - Basic</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 / year	<b>Community Leader</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 / year	<b>Individual - Sustaining</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 / year	<b>Statesman</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 / year	<b>Good Neighbor</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,000 / year	<b>Large Land or Royalty Owner</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 / year	<b>Concerned Citizen</b>		

Please check (v) the appropriate box for your membership(s), complete membership information on the following page and return with your remittance. Please make your check payable to Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association (TLMA) and mail to:

**TLMA Membership, 1302 Waugh Drive, PMB 913 Houston, Texas 77019**

# Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association

The mission of the Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association is to protect and enhance the property and mineral rights of all Texans. Its formation is a reflection of a very significant deterioration in those rights as a result of political trends, regulatory and legislative actions, and court decisions. Membership in the Association is open only to individuals and entities (including trusts, associations, partnerships, sole proprietorships, and corporations) who own legal, beneficial, or other title to, or who actively manage fee, surface, mineral, or royalty interests in Texas lands, other than lands used primarily for vacation or residential purposes.

[www.tlma.org](http://www.tlma.org)



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**As we participate in the Legislative Sessions of the State of Texas, your active membership is vitally important to advancing the rights of surface and royalty owners in Texas! We encourage you to join once as a group/ranch/organization and once individually to increase the size of the voting membership.**

## **TLMA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ranch/Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to receive TLMA updates and information via: fax  e-mail**

*(Fax and e-mail is used when we have to get information to you quickly.)*

*Payments of membership dues to TLMA may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary expense of your business; however, they are not deductible as a charitable contribution. A portion of these dues is not deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense to the extent that the association engages in lobbying on behalf of its membership. The deductible portion of your dues for fiscal year 2006 is 70%.*