

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
Oil and Gas Division

NOTICE TO OPERATORS

**Revision of Statutory Requirements for Filing Logs**

The 79<sup>th</sup> Legislature amended the Texas Natural Resources Code Section 91.552, revising the requirements for the filing of well logs with the Railroad Commission.

Currently, at the time an operator files a completion report for a well or, in the case of a dry hole, an application to plug a well, the operator must file a copy of the basic electric log made in conjunction with the drilling of the well or request confidentiality of that log on Form L-1. **Effective September 1, 2005, an operator must file the log or request confidentiality on Form L-1, no later than the 90<sup>th</sup> day after the date drilling operations cease.**

The confidentiality period for electric logs was not changed by this amendment. Operators may request a one-year confidentiality period for new wells and a two-year period subsequent to the initial year. Offshore wells may obtain an additional 2 years, for a total of 5 years confidentiality. **The initial filing deadline for logs and Form L-1's has changed from the date the completion papers or plugging application is filed to no later than 90 days after the date drilling operations cease, defined as "a continuous effort to drill or deepen a wellbore for which the commission has issued a permit," are completed.**

For further information concerning Statewide Rule 16, logs, or the Form L-1 filing requirements, please contact the Engineering Unit of the Permitting/Production Section of the Railroad Commission at (512) 463-6703

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