

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
Oil and Gas Division

NOTICE TO OPERATORS

New Drilling Application Forms Effective Next Month!

Effective July 1, 2004, the revised Form **W-1** (Application for Permit to Drill, Recomplete, or Re-Enter), along with the Form **W-1D** (Application for Permit to Drill, Recomplete, or Re-Enter **Supplemental Directional Well Information**) and Form **W-1H** (Application for Permit to Drill, Recomplete, or Re-Enter **Supplemental Horizontal Well Information**), for directional and horizontal drills, respectively, will be the approved versions of the drilling permit applications. The primary change in the drilling permit application is the addition of the W-1D and W-1H to allow for more efficient reporting of directional and horizontal drilling data.

The revised forms are available on the Railroad Commission website at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/og/form-library/index.html>, and through the Commission's Austin office and district offices.

Please note the following concerning the revised Drilling Report Forms:

- Previously required data items such as spacing and density patterns for fields and number of acres in the drilling unit are no longer required because a new automated electronic system will verify this data. The field identification number will be required for each field on the application. Field information, including field number, is now available on-line at the Railroad Commission website at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/interactive_data.html.
- Form W-1, Item 6, Purpose of Filing, now includes "Amended as Drilled (BHL)". This category applies to applications for a vertical well where an Engineering review of the original completion report has determined that an amended W-1 filing is required to reflect bottom hole location.
- Form W-1, Item 13, Surface Location, describes the physical location of the well bore.
- When signing the Form W-1, an E-mail address is optional. However, if it is provided, the E-mail address will become part of the public record.
- When listing fields on the Forms W-1D or W-1H, if the bottom hole/terminus location information is the same for all fields, one can note "ALL FIELDS" in Item 5 and list the location information only once.

Refer to the instructions on the back of the new Drilling Permit Application Forms for detailed information concerning the new formats. If you have any questions concerning the revisions, please contact the Engineering Unit of the Permitting/Production Section of the Railroad Commission at (512) 463-7679.

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