

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
Oil and Gas Division

NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS AND OPERATORS

Change in Plat Requirements
For Plats Filed With Form W-1 Drilling Permit Applications

Effective October 1, 2006 all plats filed in hardcopy with Form W-1 Drilling Permit Applications must be in black line on white background; blue line plats and colored plats will no longer be accepted. For drilling permit applications that are electronically filed, the plat that is attached to the application must be scanned in black and white and saved as a TIFF file. A scanning resolution of 200 x 200 dpi is recommended. All information on the original plat should be legible on the scanned image. When naming your scanned plat files DO NOT USE special characters as this could prevent your file from being successfully uploaded.

The Railroad Commission is currently scanning all Drilling Permit Applications, plats and other attachments that are filed in paper and these scanned images are processed electronically along with the applications that are filed online by operators. The scanned images and electronic data are also made available for public query over the Internet. Restricting plats to black and white format is necessary in order to ensure that all information on paper-filed plats can be captured when scanned, and to reduce electronic file storage size.

Please refer to Statewide Rule 5 for detailed information about drilling permit and plat requirements. A complete list of Statewide Rules is located on the Railroad Commission website at www.rrc.state.tx.us. In addition to filing plats in black and white, you are reminded of these basic plat requirements:

- F) The lease should be outlined on the plat using either a heavy line or crosshatching.
- G) The plat should include the following:
 - A) surface location of the proposed drilling site;
 - B) perpendicular lines providing the distance in feet from two nearest non-parallel survey/section lines to the surface location;
 - C) perpendicular lines providing the distance in feet from two nearest non-parallel lease lines to the surface location;
 - D) a line providing the distance in feet from the surface location to the nearest point on the lease line, pooled unit line, or unitized tract line. If there is an unleased interest in a tract of the pooled unit that is nearer than the pooled unit line, the nearest point on that unleased tract boundary should be used;

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- E) a line providing the distance in feet from the surface location to the nearest oil, gas, or oil and gas well identified by number either applied for, permitted, or completed in the same lease, pooled unit, or unitized tract and in the same field and reservoir;
- F) the geographic location information;
- G) a labeled scale bar; and
- H) northerly direction.

For faster processing of Drilling Permit Applications, plats and attachments, you are encouraged to electronically file over the Internet using the RRC Online System. More information about this system is available on the Railroad Commission Website at www.rrc.state.tx.us. If you have any questions regarding Drilling Permit Applications or plat requirements, please contact the Drilling Permit Section at (512) 463-6751.

Austin, Texas

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