

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
Oil and Gas Division**

NOTICE TO OIL AND GAS WELL OPERATORS

FIRE ADVISORY TO OPERATORS

The Railroad Commission currently has jurisdiction over the prevention of “waste” as defined, in part, by Texas Statutes, as “...creation of unnecessary fire hazards...” and authority under additional statutory provisions that prohibit “...operations in the field dangerous to life or property...”.

The Texas Forest Service has published “Winter 2008 Fire Season Outlook” which contains a warning that fuel supplies are above normal, rainfall is below normal, excessive winds and various other conditions cause a high risk of range fires over the spring months in the state.

These conditions have been currently confirmed as NOAA has issued numerous daily “RED FLAG WARNINGS” and “RANGELAND FIRE DANGER FORECASTS”. Numerous fires in December, 2007 and January and February, 2008 throughout the State have also confirmed these conditions. County commissioner courts throughout the state have issued “Burn Bans” applicable to their counties’ fire danger conditions.

Historical fire reports concerning range fires since 2006 confirm that throughout the State, many of these fires have been traced to three electrical ignition causes.

In an effort to reduce these damaging range fires and the tragic loss of life and property in the state, the commission is requesting that all operators receiving this Advisory inspect the oil and gas leases under their control for the following three potential sources of ignition. If such conditions are found, repairs or alterations should be performed to eliminate the dangerous condition(s).

>LIVE ELECTRIC LINES ON THE SURFACE (GROUND).

>OVERHEAD ELECTRIC LINES THAT MAY COME IN CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER, IN THAT THEY HAVE LOST THEIR STRETCH SO THAT THEY DROOP AND CAN BE WHIPPED TOGETHER BY HIGH WINDS.

>ELECTRIC LINES CONNECTED TO NON-OPERATING LOCATIONS.

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PLEASE FORWARD TO THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF YOUR COMPANY