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Agency: RAILROAD COMMISSION TEXAS RRC

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Issue 1 - Agree

Issue 2 - Agree with all recommendations

Issue 3 - Agree with all recommendations

Issue 4 - Agree

Issue 5 - Agree with all recommendations

Issue 6 - Agree with all recommendations

Issue 7 - agree with all recommendations

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Recommendation 1: The Agency should create, utilize and maintain a geographic information system or geographical information system (GIS). A GIS is a system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present all types of spatial or geographical data. This GIS should graphically show ALL oil and gas wells/pads and pipelines statewide, including existing and abandoned sites, accurately depict the number of oil and gas violations, show all pipelines, track all well and pipeline spills, and any other pertinent data of public interest. This GIS should be user friendly and searchable. It should have an interactive web-based mapping program and also provide downloadable data (.shp, .kmz, .kml files) and be free of charge on the RRC website. The public has a right to see and search for well/pad/pipeline/compressor station data and violations. Each data file should provide metadata with all pertinent information (location, violations, fines, materials used during the fracking process, field

staff person, etc).

Recommendation 4: With over 300,000 wells and 45,000 miles of pipeline spread over 268,000 sq miles, there are too few inspectors. The agency needs to hire many many more inspectors/field staff to seek out and enforce violations.

Recommendation 3: Be responsive to the public. I have heard from many people who have submitted complaints about toxic fumes and spills and have had no response from the RRC. This needs to change. All complaints by the public should be required to have a response time of under 4 hours.

Recommendation 4: Use of FLIR cameras have shown that there are huge volumes of methane emissions from compressor stations around the state. The agency should enforce all methane emissions and require green completions on all wells and compressor stations and should require that all mobile compressor stations used to power fracking and other operations from diesel powered to electric powered.

Recommendation 5: Limit injection volumes or revoke injection permits when such injection may be contributing to seismic activity and property damage.

Recommendation 6: The agency should require water conservation and recycling and require engineering of pad sites to control stormwater runoff.

Recommendation 7: Removing conflicts of interest (like dis-allowing donations from corporations with business before the Commission). Donations to the commissioners by the oil and gas industry: Craddick: \$2,135,000; Sitton: \$1,554,000; Porter: \$1,254,000.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree