

## **IOGCC Chairman's Stewardship Awards**

**Nominations must be received on or before July 19, 2019.**

### Energy Education Category

This award is presented to a group or an organization that has created a program to educate the public about oil and natural gas and the hundreds of ways it affects the lives of Americans each day.

### Provide a brief explanation of the project.

For the first time in RRC history, RRC OIL (RRC Online Inspection Lookup) allows anyone, anywhere, and at any time to search agency records of oil and gas well inspections and violations on-line. Launched in January 2019, and seven months ahead of schedule, RRC OIL enables members of the public to look up agency inspection and enforcement reports for oil and gas wells across Texas, including notices of violation and intentions to sever leases.

The data available on RRC OIL refreshes daily, drawing upon the field reports submitted by RRC inspectors using agency laptops. This feature enables RRC OIL users to view real-time, contemporary results from agency well inspections. Further, users can customize inspection and violation searches by a variety of criteria, including:

- Operator name;
- Lease name or number;
- API number;
- County;
- RRC District Oil and Gas District number;
- Inspection date range, and;
- Rule.

Users may also download data in Excel based on look up results, statewide or by RRC district office.

RRC OIL represents the Railroad Commission's on-going information technology modernization effort. This program gives agency personnel and members of the public quick and meaningful access to data collected and maintained by the agency. Just as this new program enhances efficiency in RRC operations, it significantly expands the public's access to agency records.

Describe the purpose of the project.

RRC OIL gives the public contemporary, searchable access to the agency's oil and gas inspection and enforcement data. This data publication allows the public to educate themselves about oil & gas related activities in their area.

Explain the process taken to complete the project.

RRC information technology and business groups defined the user interfaces and worked collaboratively to review data and test the search feature prior to making it available to the public.

Describe any contributions made to the environment.

Publishing this information online in a searchable format:

- Protects natural resources, the environment, and safety by encouraging oil and gas operators to address potential violations in a timely manner; and
- Allows landowners and other interested parties to track compliance with RRC rules.

Describe what has been accomplished.

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**Optional Audio / Video Summary Upload:** <https://rrc.texas.gov/about-us/resource-center/research/online-research-queries/oil-and-gas-inspections-and-violations-query/>

**Project Website:** \* <http://webapps2.rrc.state.tx.us/PDA/ice/pdaIceHome.xhtml>