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## Need to Know



## RULES ANNOUNCEMENT

Draft Rules for Informal Comment 7/2/2019

The RRC is seeking informal comments on rule amendments related to Class 1 and rural gathering lines, implementation of HB 864 and HB 866 requirements, reductions to late fees for certain pipeline operators, other amendments to the pipeline permits rule, and other various clean-up amendments to Chapter 8.

Draft rule language and other information is posted at: <https://rrc.texas.gov/general-counsel/rules/draft-rules-for-informal-comment/>

These rules and others are likely to be discussed at the next PBPA Regulatory Practice Committee meeting on July 16, 2019.

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### **Reminder: NMOCD to start charging fees on July 1, 2019**

Beginning on July 1st, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) started charging fees on specific administrative applications, as authorized during the 2019 legislative session. Fees will be assessed for drilling, deepening, plug backs, re-entries, non-standard locations, downhole commingling, surface commingling, off-lease measurements, and other actions.

Starting July 1, the OCD's payment portal, named "OCD Permitting", located on the OCD website should have begun accepting operator application payments.

For a recent announcement by the OCD about the application fees, please [click here](#).

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### **EPA Study on Oil & Gas Extraction Wastewater Management**

On July 1, 2019, the PBPA submitted comments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the agency's draft Study on Oil & Gas Extraction Wastewater Management under the Clean Water Act. The comments were a collaborative effort by several members of the PBPA Water Committee, lead by our committee chairman Tyler Hussey. Thank you to all those who participated in drafting the comments and helped with this effort.

The EPA is researching available produced water management options and PBPA was more than happy to offer comments concerning current options in the Permian Basin and possible options in the future dependent on the regulatory framework.

For copies of the comments, please [click here](#).

A copy of the EPA draft Study can be found [here](#).

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### Community Update

**Lea County EnergyPlex** - On Tuesday June 25th, the 3rd Annual Lea County EnergyPlex Conference was held in Hobbs, New Mexico. PBPA staff and members were there in full force! The conference had many different panels made up of community and industry leaders who reflected on the way industry has, is currently, and will further impact southeastern New Mexico and the United States as a whole.

Conference attendees had the opportunity to hear Tracee Bentley, President and CEO of the Permian Strategic Partnership (PSP) give an update on the PSP's work in the southeastern area and the partnerships that their members, many of whom are also PBPA members, are utilizing to help tackle the challenges of the area.

The conference also focused on other forms of energy that affect the community. Conference goers had the chance to hear from leaders in the nuclear and solar industry as well. Community leaders in Lea County each had their chance to showcase how their communities' accomplishments have kept up with and are adapting to the growth and development from industry over the past year. Lea County has certainly set an example of how to embrace and form a working and evolving partnership with industry in order to create a positive environment for both community and business.

**U.S. Census** - PBPA is continuing its work with the United States Census Bureau and is participating in Midland County's Complete Count Committee. The committee is made up of many different county and city entities and leaders, all of whom are committed to helping Midland have a successful 2020 census through education and awareness.

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### IPAA Midyear

From June 24-26, 2019, PBPA staff along with several PBPA members attended the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) Midyear meeting held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Attendees heard from IPAA staff and invited speakers on topics covering legal battles in the regulatory field, outreach efforts on Capitol Hill, capital markets, and more.

We greatly appreciate the work that IPAA does for the oil and gas industry in Washington, DC, and benefit from a collaboration with the association on multiple regulatory efforts, including those affecting water, air, and endangered species.

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PBPA Events



# SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

AND OIL PATCH PIT KING

## Pit Challenge

August 16th 2019

The annual Permian Basin Petroleum Association Sporting Clay Shoot & Pit King Challenge is just over a month away! Reserve your spot today! The clay shoot will be held on Friday, August 16th 2019 at Wind Walker Farms.

The PBPA encourages you to help sponsor this year's event and show your support for the Voice of the Permian Basin! Sponsorships have been going quickly, so get your sponsorship in now and reserve the rotation time of your choice. Even if you're just signing up to shoot, this is an extremely popular event and slots will fill up quickly so act now!

As usual, there will be fantastic winners' prizes, gun boards and raffle giveaways for the morning and afternoon rotations. We hope to see you there!!

[Clay Shoot Registration & Sponsorships](#)

[Pit King Challenge Registration](#)

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### **PBPA Committee Meetings**

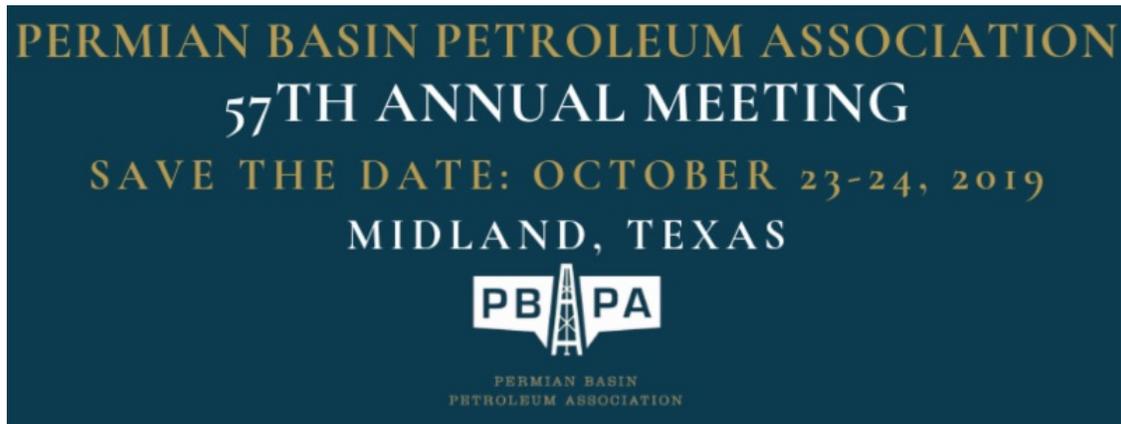
Air Quality Working Group - July 9, 2019

Health, Safety & Environmental - July 11, 2019

Regulatory Practices - July 16, 2019

For meeting times and locations, please email [stephen@pbpa.info](mailto:stephen@pbpa.info)

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Other Events



**Date:** Monday, July 29, 2019

**Time:** 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Venue:** Permian Road Safety Coalition  
Midland Shared Spaces  
3500 N. A Street  
Second Floor  
Midland, Texas 79705

The energy sector in the Permian Basin is a regional, statewide, and national economic engine and it requires a safe and efficient freight transportation network to remain competitive. In order to better plan and invest in a multimodal network that supports the current and future demands of the region, the TxDOT Freight Planning team needs to better understand energy sector transportation and growth trends of the industry.

You are invited to attend an Energy Sector industry forum designed to gain insight on the most critical challenges, needs, and opportunities for improving transportation in the Permian Basin region. TxDOT needs your input on what it and the community can do to enhance overall mobility, improve infrastructure conditions and operations, reduce crashes, and support economic competitiveness in the region today and in the future.

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**Reception & Dinner**

Wednesday, August 7, 6 PM - 9 PM  
Fort Concho National Historic Landmark  
The Stables at Fort Concho  
210 Henry O. Flipper St.,  
San Angelo, TX 76903

**Summit**

Thursday, August 8, 7:45 AM - 4 PM  
Angelo State University  
Houston Harte University Center  
1910 Rosemont Dr.,  
San Angelo, TX 76904

You are invited to attend the 16th Annual West Texas Legislative Summit in San Angelo, Texas.

The San Angelo Chamber, along with honorary co-hosts Congressman Mike Conaway, Texas Senator Charles Perry, and Texas Representative Drew Darby, have announced this year's focus will be on international trade.

The Summit kicks off with a reception and dinner the evening of Wednesday, August 7 at historic Fort Concho, one of the best restored frontier forts in America. You'll meet and greet legislators, agency leaders, panelists, sponsors and other attendees. This year's attendance is estimated to be more than 400 people from across the state and beyond.

A full-day of panel discussions takes place Thursday, August 8 from 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Angelo State University.

Panel topics include:

- Energy
- Agriculture
- Transportation - (highways, railways, air)
- Border/Ports

[Click here to register for the West Texas Legislative Summit](#)

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