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## PBPA Update

Members,

Today, the PBPA Executive Committee met today to discuss these unprecedented industry conditions and priority for PBPA in order to best advocate for industry.

### **Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order, GA-14**

Today, Texas Governor Greg Abbott reported that as of noon today more than 42,000 tests have been ordered. Of those, 3,266 have been confirmed positive Covid-19 tests. In total, 122 out of 254 counties have at least one reported case of Covid-19.

There are currently 2.4% beds at capacity meaning, 97.6% of hospital beds in Texas remain available. Unfortunately, 41 Texans have lost their lives connected to Covid-19 exposure. Less than 10% of tests have tested positive and a little over 11% that have tested positive have required hospitalization. The majority of positive cases have come from interaction prior to social distancing measures being ordered.

Governor Abbott also ordered, GA-14, which establishes "Essential Services Guidelines." These definitions come from the CIS at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and operators can find more clarity from the Texas Division of Emergency management [here](#).

For the commercial operators that feel they are not covered, that TDEM link can allow them to submit a request for their business to be exempted.

The federal guidelines clearly note energy as an essential service. The full guidelines may be reviewed [here](#). If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask.

All critical infrastructure will remain operational. This order will remain in place through April 30, 2020. Additionally, as of now schools have been closed until May 4, 2020 unless extended.

PBPA will work with the Governor to continue to ensure that operators of energy in the Permian Basin, and throughout Texas, can continue to operate their upstream, midstream, and downstream assets and deploy personnel as needed. Additionally, if members have questions please do not hesitate to ask.

### **Texas Methane and Flaring Coalition**

PBPA Members have been hard at work developing an industry focused effort to clarify the use and purpose of flaring as well as what steps the industry is doing to reduce flaring across the state. To that end, today a coalition of multiple associations and member companies launched the [Texas Methane and Flaring Coalition Website](#). While this is surely not the highest profile issue at this time, it includes the work of so many in the industry to address what anti fossil fuel activists have been using to attack the energy industry, in particular here in the Permian Basin.

### **Seismicity**

Another issue of importance for Permian Basin operators are the impacts of seismic activity occurring in the region. Most recently a 5.0 magnitude earthquake near Orla, Texas in Reeves County was felt across the border into New Mexico and as far as El Paso, Texas. PBPA has continued to monitor the effect of seismicity in the Permian Basin and is involved in a joint trades workgroup on this issue as well. This workgroup is comprised of many operators from across the state and we expect that a set of voluntary guidelines for operators in this region to be generated soon. PBPA will pass along those guidelines and aggregate comments and questions as members have the opportunity to review. If you want to ensure you receive these, please let us know.



## **US Chamber FAQ sheet on COVID 19**

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has developed a FAQ sheet for small businesses on the impacts and opportunities made available regarding COVID 19. That sheet can be found here:

[https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/023595\\_comm\\_corona\\_virus\\_s\\_mallbiz\\_loan\\_final\\_revised.pdf](https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/023595_comm_corona_virus_s_mallbiz_loan_final_revised.pdf)

## **EDC of Lea County: FlyHobbs**

On March 30, 2020, the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County Airline Committee met to discuss air travel in-and-out of the Permian Basin during this tumultuous time. The Committee is committed to continuing to provide reliable and convenient travel into Hobbs and directly to the Permian Basin from Houston. The EDC of Lea County recognizes oil and gas travel has understandably slowed, but they want to continue to serve our members and other stakeholders in the region as best they can to ensure we are able to get to our job sites quickly and efficiently.

# FlyHobbsX

Always Providing Safe, Reliable,  
Convenient Travel to the Permian Basin

The NM Travel Quarantine Does NOT  
Affect Those Traveling for Essential  
Business, Including Oil and Gas

