Aid and Relief

Surface owner in Texas with orphaned well(s) on their property.



Approved plugger/operator approaches surface owner and offers opportunity to have well(s) plugged at no cost to surface owner.



Surface owner agrees to have well(s) plugged. Approved plugger/operator submits application to Native State.



Native State has the opportunity to approve or deny application.



The orphaned well(s) is/are plugged in accordance with Commission rules.



Once designated operator, plugger files W3-A to plug well(s).



Plugger files Forms
OW-2 and P-4 with the
RRC to be designated
operator of the
orphaned well(s).



Should application be approved, plugger contracts with surface owner to provide plugging services. Contract states that funds received from OGRC will be assigned to plugger.



On successful plugging of the well(s) and receipt of plugging record, surface owner files Form OW-3 for reimbursement of plugging costs.



On successful plugging of the well(s) and receipt of plugging record, Native State reimburses plugger for half of approved plugging costs.



The surface owner receives payment from the OGRC under Natural Resources Code §89.048 and assigns payment to plugger.

