

Flaring is the intentional lighting on fire of natural gas at the wellhead. Operators do it because they want the oil, but the natural gas that comes up with it is worth less than the costs of moving it to market. So, they simply light it on fire. The Commission has allowed this to the point that we now flare enough gas that could be used to power Houston. Flared gas is a wasted resource, and the practice has been against the law for 100 years. Flaring decreases air quality nearby and across the region and causes human health concerns. It makes no sense, and we can do something about it. Operators should be incentivized through enforcement and other mechanisms to turn the flared gas into electricity on the wellsite, powering their own operations. We need a Commissioner who offers solutions to stop the waste and pollution.