

## Schuyler Wight

I was very involved with getting this bill passed. I think the thing that the legislature and the regulators (TCEQ) need to understand is that this is an emergency situation to get these wells plugged. The problem is that they have left these dam things to the rust devils for too many years and the wellbores are badly deteriorated. Waiting even one more day to start on them is one day too many. TCEQ needs to quit dragging their feet and get the rules written so that the money can go to its intended purpose. These are highly technical, challenging projects as it is. Don't make it any more difficult by letting the wellbores deteriorate any further.

Another issue is that \$10 million is a good start. Some of these wells could possibly cost much more. The worst of the wells (ie: Boehmer) would not be a good fit for this program because this program is underfunded from the start. The best possible scenario would be to have a larger \$ to start with because you don't want to run out in the middle of the job.