# FACTS ON FLARING

**The Facts from the Texas Methane & Flaring Coalition**

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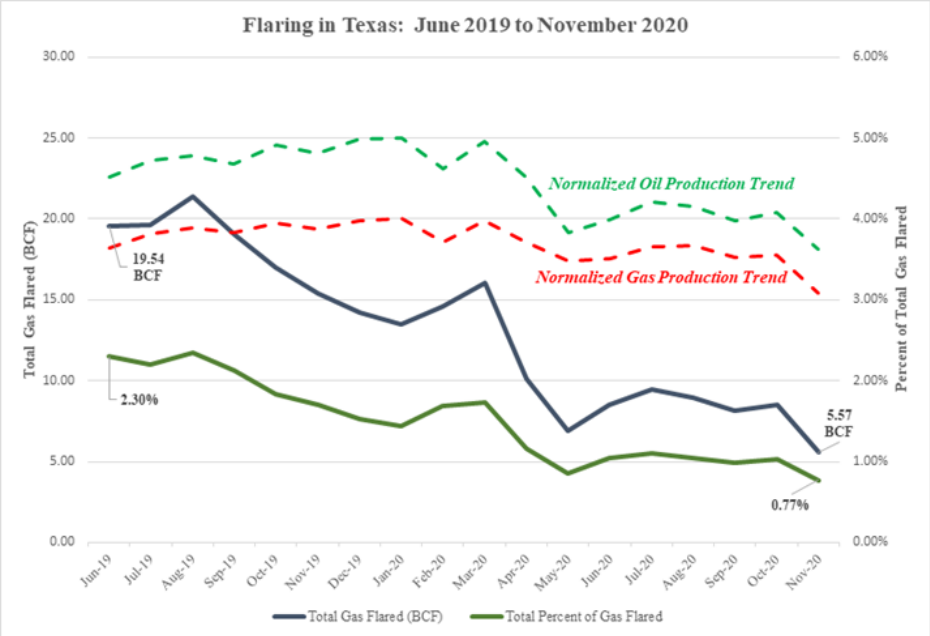
## What is Flaring?

Flaring is the practice of safely burning excess natural gas at production facilities used for operational or safety reasons. Flaring typically occurs when there is a lack of gas gathering or processing capacity during facility or gathering maintenance or during unplanned events for safety measures such as alleviating pressure. Rather than venting methane gas into the air, flaring burns the gas, which releases fewer greenhouse gases than venting. (*The Environmental Partnership 2020 Annual Report*)

## Flaring in Texas is Decreasing

**According to the Railroad Commission of Texas, the percentage of natural gas flared out of all the natural gas produced in Texas decreased 67% between June 2019 and November 2020. In Texas, natural gas that is flared represents less than 1% of all natural gas produced, and innovation and new technologies continue to drive this number down.**




Source: Railroad Commission of Texas

## Routine Flaring

The Texas Methane & Flaring Coalition supports industry's continued progress to end routine flaring and shares a goal of ending this practice by 2030. Based on an extensive review of regulatory requirements and operational best practices that include maintaining the accessibility of flaring for safety and environmental protection, the Coalition considers routine flaring to be flaring of natural gas from new and existing wells/ facilities during normal production operations when gas gathering, processing, or infrastructure are insufficient or unavailable.

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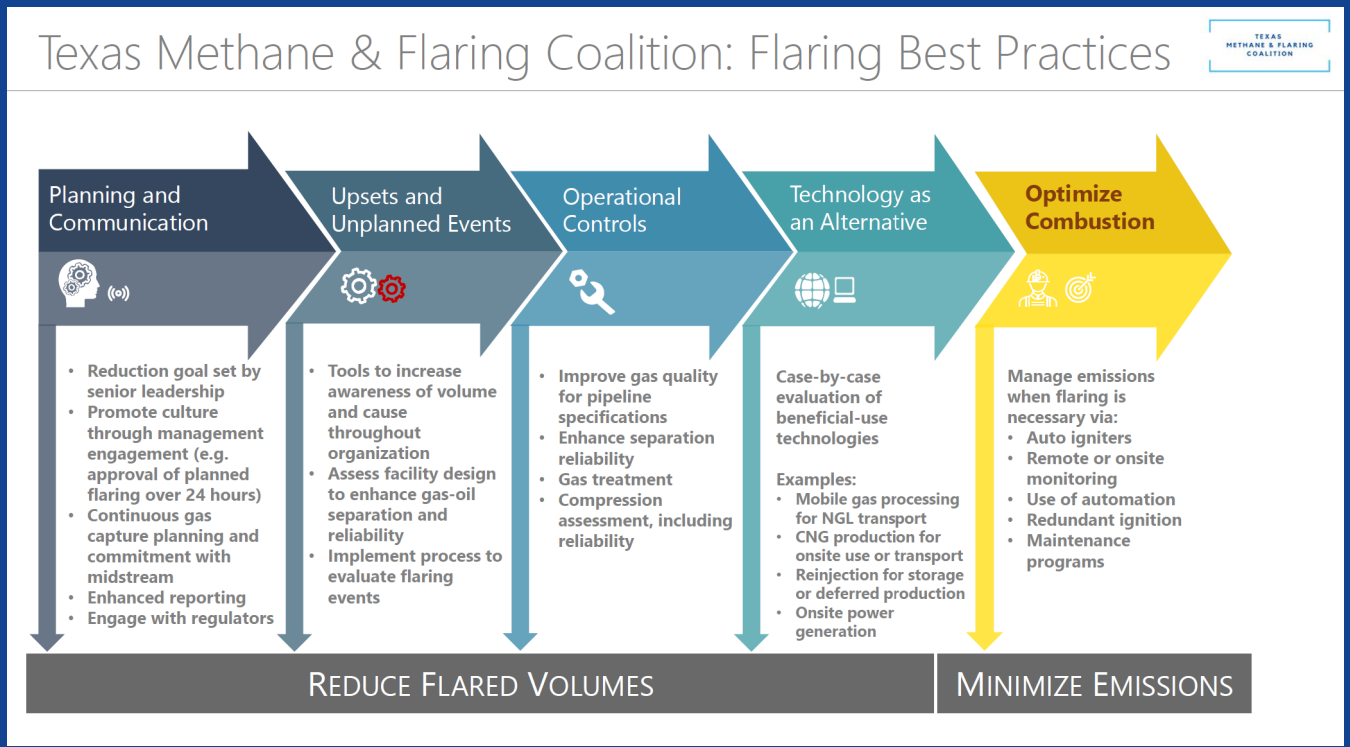
## Industry Supports Reasonable Regulations

Recent regulatory changes made at the Railroad Commission of Texas, many based on recommendations from the Coalition, are pragmatic, positive changes. Developing a more stringent framework for granting Statewide Rule 32 flaring exceptions and enhancing reporting from operators will provide more information to help assess when operators must flare and build upon best practices that many operators are already incorporating.

## Industry-Led Solutions to Drive Progress

**Industry is stepping up and taking action by participating in voluntary collaborations where the brightest minds are coming together to implement best practices, emerging technologies, and operational enhancements to reduce flaring. The Coalition believes that industry-led solutions and best practices are how flaring will be reduced.**

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