

What is 'Oil or Gas' as Used in a Pipeline Easement?

A Texas court of appeals ruled that "oil or gas" is not limited to "crude petroleum," but includes refined petroleum products gasoline and diesel, according to Charles Sartain, writing in Gray Reed's **Energy & the Law**.

The case involves a pipeline easement that allows a production company to transport oil or gas across the plaintiff's property. The property owner contended that "oil and gas" referred to crude petroleum, but not refined products.

The court researched definitions of "oil" and "gas" and found that refined petroleum products "fell within the commonly accepted meaning of the terms oil or gas at the easement's approximate date."

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