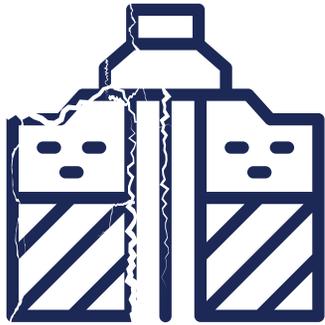


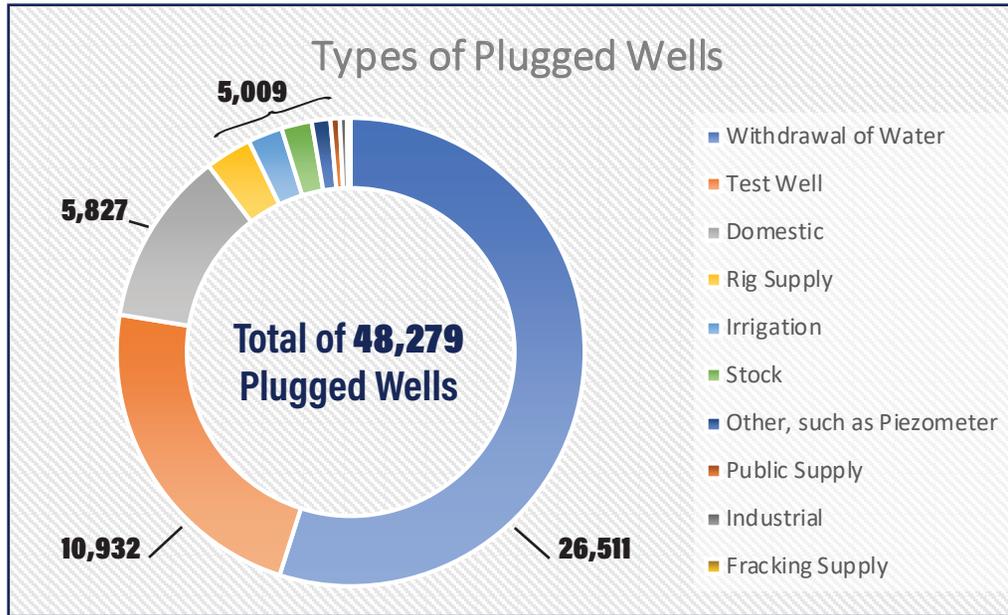


Efforts to Address Abandoned and Deteriorated Water Wells in Texas



150,000

Abandoned or Deteriorated Water Wells in Texas



Since 2004: **435** Complaints on Abandoned or Deteriorated Wells:

- 49 wells have been capped
- 133 wells have been plugged
- 27 wells have been brought into compliance
- 133 wells were determined not to be abandoned; were referred to GCD; or the well or landowner could not be located
- 93 wells are in various stages of notification, review, or investigation.

Early '90s

A group of water-related agencies developed an estimate of 150,000 abandoned or deteriorated water wells in Texas.

1997

The Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 1955 (75R) transferring the Water Well Driller and Pump Installer Programs from the former Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (now Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or TCEQ) to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

2002

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and TDLR developed the Texas Online Well Report Submittal and Retrieval System (TWRSRS) This database contains the number of wells plugged by category.

See chart above.

2003

The Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 279 (78R) authorizing TDLR, TCEQ, and Groundwater Conservation Districts to enter in to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to coordinate efforts relating to investigative procedures for referrals of complaints regarding abandoned and/or deteriorated wells.

2004

TDLR developed the online Abandoned Well Reporting system, giving the public and other water-related agencies and entities the ability to report concerns about possibly abandoned or deteriorated water wells. To date, TDLR has received 435 complaints on abandoned or deteriorated wells. **See list above.**

Ongoing Efforts

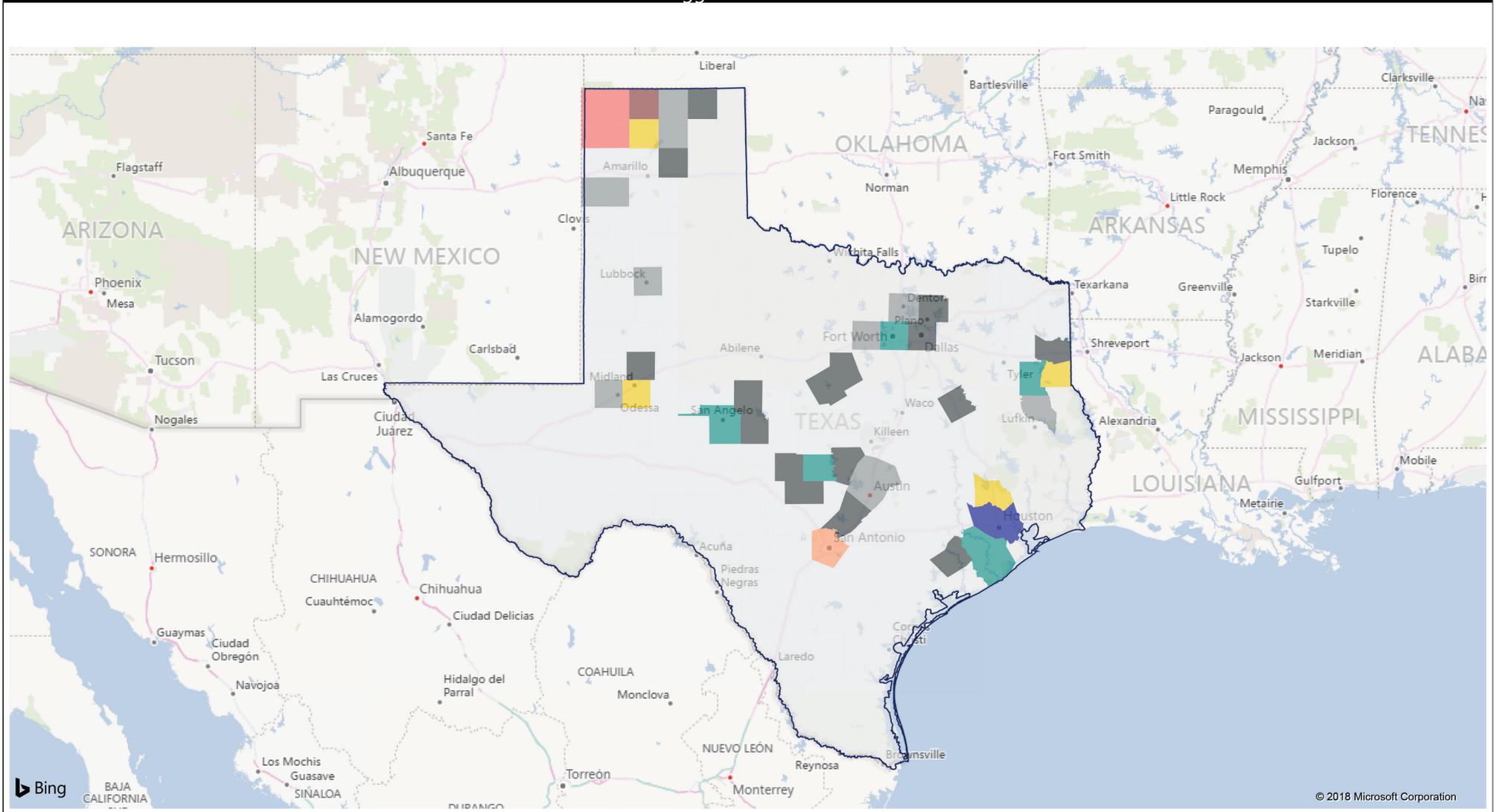
TDLR's Water Well Driller/Pump Installer Program staff provides training to Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) and TCEQ's field staff on identifying abandoned wells and reporting abandoned or deteriorated wells using the Online Abandoned Well Reporting System.



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(250 or more wells per county)

Plugged Water Wells



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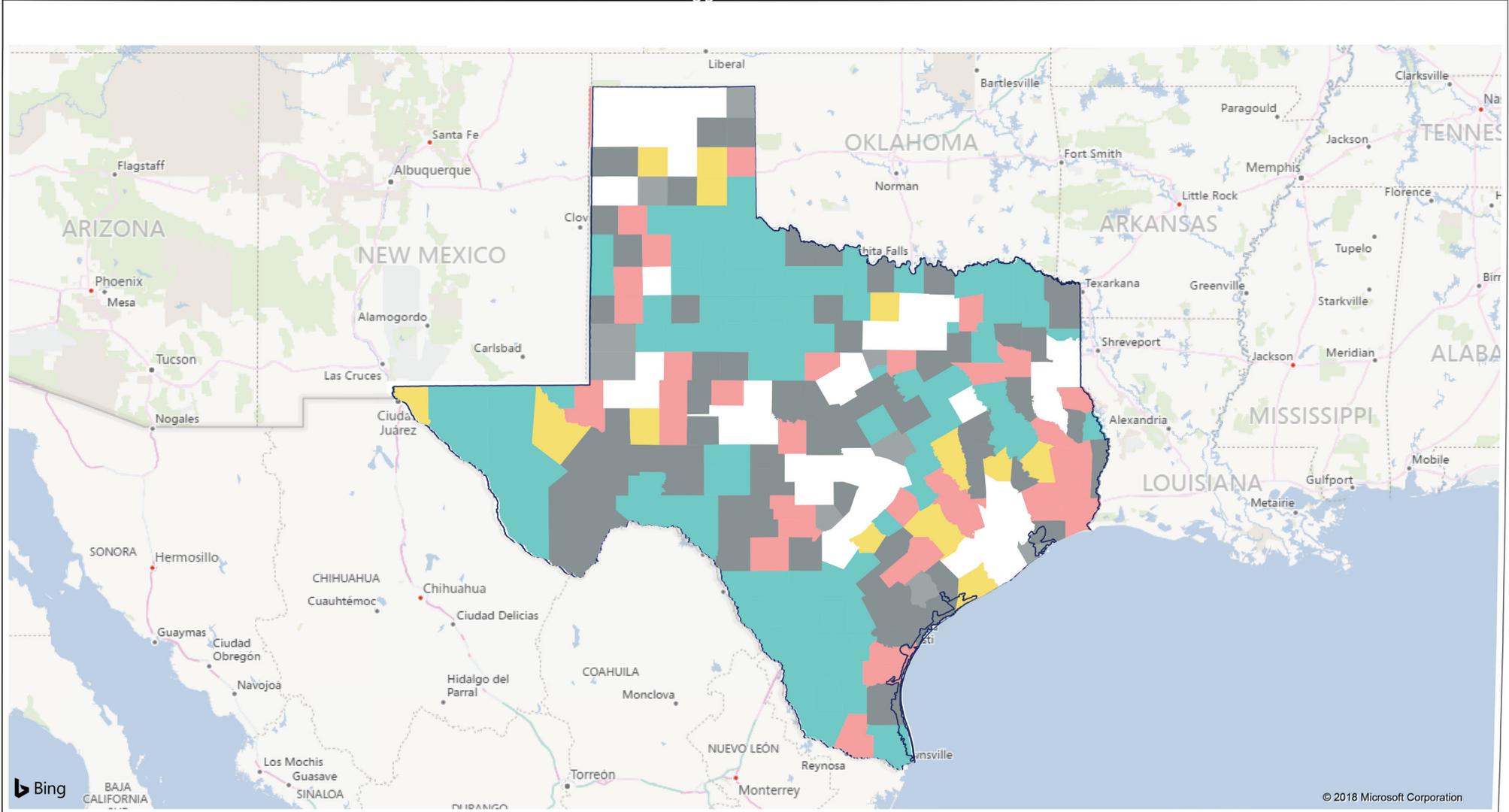
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