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On March 29, 2018, day three of rig-up for Latshaw Drilling's Rig 9 takes place at FourPoint Energy's Hefley 4A wellsite in Texas Railroad District 10. The site is in the Texas Panhandle, on Texas state highway 152, 7 mi east of the town of Wheeler, in Wheeler County. Rig 9 features an SCR-powered, 1,700-hp system. The Hefley 4A was spudded on April 9, and the rig was walked over to the next well on May 21. TD on this horizontal well, which was targeting natural gas, was 17,449 ft. Photo: Latshaw Drilling Company.



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