



It's time to enforce the Clean Air Act in Texas

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Mr. Stanley Spruiell

Dear Mr. Spruiell,

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is broken. I applaud EPA's proposed ruling that major portions of the TCEQ air permitting process does not adhere to the Clean Air Act, and should be thrown out.

That was a good first step. Now is the time for the EPA to take bold action by:

- Halting any new air pollution permits from being issued by TCEQ utilizing TCEQ's current illegal policy
- Creating a moratorium on the operations of any new coal fired power plants in Texas until the TCEQ cleans up its act by operating under the Federal Clean Air Act standards
- Requiring coal companies clean up their old, dirty plants -- no exemptions, no bailouts, and no special treatment by reviewing all permits issued since the TCEQ adopted its illegal policies and requiring that these entities resubmit their applications in accordance with the Federal Clean Air Act.
- Put stronger rules in place in order to reduce global warming emissions and to makes sure new laws and rules do not allow existing coal plants to pollute old global warming emissions.

I live approximately one mile from the proposed site of the Tenaska Trailblazer Energy Center. This plant threatens to endanger the lives

of many residents who live in very close proximity, and those living in the Sweetwater area.

My family and I moved to Texas, and to the country specifically, to escape pollution, noise and development. We all know that the TCEQ is a corrupt organization and that Texas is a filthy state because of their actions (or non-actions). Please allow for a moratorium on all new coal-fired plants within the state until the TCEQ is forced to abide by Federal regulations and clean up Texas air!

Sincerely,

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