



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 make sure new laws and rules do not allow existing coal plants to pollute old global warming emissions.

Texas is a pivot point in its economic and environmental life. More coal plants in a state where our population is exploding is going to put our children at risk. My daughter will inherit a Texas where the Hillcountry springs are dry because of the amount of water needed by coal plants. That water is needed for our growing population to use in their homes as well as to keep our natural areas beautiful. We don't have the Colorado River to give us drinking water like the Western states nor do we get the rainfall keep our river clean and running. Please take this into consideration before we start dropping more coal plants.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

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