



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 continue polluting with global-warming emissions.

We Texans like to boast about being BIG, but we don't want to be BIG when it comes to carbon emissions and emission increases! Help us citizens by forcing the agency that's supposed to assure our air quality to actually do its job, not subvert its purpose. We need help to push for insulating and putting solar panels on residences we could create lots of jobs while decreasing the need for coal-fired power plants. We need the rules in place that will promote those choices.

Sincerely,

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