



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.

Texas deserves better. It is time for the TCEQ to work for the people of Texas, and protect our health! It is time for Texas to become a leader for renewable energy for our nation. This does not include any new coal-fired power plants in Texas until the TCEQ cleans up its act by operating under the Federal Clean Air Act standards, until coal companies are required to clean up their old, dirty plants without exemptions, bailouts or special treatment, and putting stronger rules in place to reduce global-warming emissions by existing and new coal plants. Yes, this is a difficult step forward for companies, but the people of Texas want companies to do so, we want the TCEQ to represent our desires and protect our health and planet.

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Sincerely,

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