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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 has more proposed coal and pet coke fired power plants than any

other state in the nation, is #1 in carbon emissions, and is on the top
of the list for the largest increase in emissions over the past five
years. Texans deserve better.
I am surprised that plans are on the drawing board to build 12 new
coal-fired power plant. Older plants profit from littel or no
enforcement of clean air regulations. This should stop, all plants
need to follow strict clean-air regulations. We need to keep in mind
that investments in renewable energy is the best way to a strong
economic future.
Sincerely, Will Lamb

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