



## 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.

The citizens of this country, in fact this world, and particularly of the Great State of Texas need the EPA more than ever before! We would not be in this situation so much if stronger rules had been instilled and enforced in the past. Now, and in our nearest future, the brazen industries who dare to inflict dangerous emissions on innocent inhabitants of the locales in which they invade, need to be made

responsible for the sicknesses, deaths, and destruction of our land and environment. We in Corpus Christi, Texas are somewhat encouraged with the EPA, the appointments, the spokespersons. We are counting on you to help us through this greed-created mess of coal-powered energy plant(s).

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