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

The TCEQ is poised to give an air permit to a pet-coke plant in my town, Corpus Christi, and we are all very upset about it -- so much so that we are considering moving away from Corpus if the plant (Las Brisas) is built. The TCEQ is not considering all of the emissions the plant will produce and the Texas Toxicologist that just testified at the hearing said that it wasn't going to hurt the people here. We all know that is nonsense and feel like the TCEQ is pushing this plant through even though the community doesn't want it. The City Council is

supporting it because of all the money the plant is promising them. But the Council is not considering the citizen's health.

Please put a stop to the Texas Coal Rush -- it's ruining our lives here on the coast.

Sincerely,

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