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cc

Subject   It's time to enforce the Clean Air Act in Texas

Message Body

Oct 21, 2009

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Dear Ms. Perez Jackson,

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.

Help us quickly - we are threatened here in Corpus Christi with a
proposed Petroleum Coke burning power plant that as planned will
increase our air pollution by at least 70 percent!   And put huge
amounts of Carbon Dioxide into the atmosphere!   From one source!   We
are not confident that TCEQ will protect us as the plans go forward.
We need stronger rules now to prevent the degradation of our air and
water.

Sincerely,

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