

## Message Information

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To LisaP Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc  
Subject It's time to enforce the Clean Air Act in Texas

## Message Body

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Oct 2, 2009

Ms. Lisa Perez Jackson  
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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.

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. We cannot let coal stand in the way of our clean energy future in Texas--the EPA must put strong rules in

place to make sure the coal industry is held responsible for their mess and that no permits issued under TCEQ's illegal permitting process are allowed to proceed forward. Strong regulations are vital to cleaning up the energy industry and putting us on a path to clean energy technology that boosts economic growth, creates jobs in Texas and protects our air quality, health and communities.

Sincerely,

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