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Your Comments or Concerns

I had no idea what the role of or even the very existence of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. I know that the vast majority of Texans are similar in being unfamiliar that the agency funded by our tax dollars is supposed to be ensuring we have clear air, water, and environment. I grew up on a superfund site in an unincorporated area of Harris County where our water was contaminated for over a decade by a business. My household was forced to invest in our own private well and water filtration system, yet I do not believe it was enough to keep my family safe. Both of my parents (58 & 48) are cancer survivors. I do not believe this is a coincidence. There is no real public engagement from TCEQ.

Your Proposed Solution

Create a office of community engagement & outreach within TCEQ that creates a vast public relations campaign to raise awareness to Texans statewide in English, Spanish, & Vietnamese. TCEQ should take a proactive role in serving the community.

My Comments Will Be Made Public

Yes