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Your Comments or Concerns

The air quality has deteriorated in Central Texas so much over the last 25 years. Statewide fracking and other chemical and fossil fuel activities are the major contributors to this, but very little oversight and control is engaged in making sure that the oil and gas/chemical industries follows the laws to keep people safe. They waste precious water and foul it so that we cannot use it for fear of being poisoned. Fracking constantly spews methane into our air making us sick, interfering with our ability to participate in daily life activities and ruining our atmosphere causing global warming. TCEQ either refuses or is unable to effectively manage the oil and gas/chemical industries to protect Texans.

Your Proposed Solution

Ensure that TCEQ is out in the field monitoring, fining and shutting down offenders. Refocus

all activities on field monitoring and strict actions against polluters to start keeping Texans safe and healthy.

The public needs to be clearly made aware of all chemicals and their potential for harm that the oil and gas/chemical industries use. Early warning systems need to be put into place to warn residents of leaks or other events that could be harmful to their health. Increase fines and forced shut downs of facilities that break the law, so that it is cheaper for them to follow the law and maintain their facilities than it is to pay the fine. Fines are useless in changing behavior if they aren't painful. Do your jobs and quit allowing polluters to hurt Texans!

My Comments Will Be Made Public

Yes