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**Your Comments or Concerns**

I worked full-time at the TCEQ for 15 years (until January 2015), on loan from my employer, the University of Texas at Austin. I occasionally (but not uncommonly) felt that the TCEQ's leadership was

reticent to address some serious environmental issues. Speaking apart from my own areas of responsibility, I can say that I knew employees in the division that oversaw water who were sometimes quite distraught over decisions made by supervisors after those employees had worked hard on a case and written conclusions and/or recommendations. I was told that sometimes employees actually cried after decisions were made. It was never because the decisions made were considered too strict by the employee, but always the opposite.

**Your Proposed Solution**

This is largely a question of leadership, and there may be little that the Sunset Commission can do about that, but the Commission can develop recommendations that somehow guide the TCEQ toward decisions that reflect the seriousness of individual violations.

**My Comments Will Be Made Public**

Yes