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Organization you are affiliated with

retired from organic food retailing and wildlife management

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Dripping Springs

State

Texas

Your Comments or Concerns

I have had good interactions with TCEQ staff who showed up to evaluate a situation of dye in the creek I live along (Barton Creek). I appreciated their response and tenacity in dealing with the situation, so I have a good rapport with and respect for the staff. The way the leadership of the organization as a whole interprets laws meant to protect our land, air and water, however, seems dismal. Too often polluting industries repetitively break emission laws without adequate deterring

response, and many new industries that are incredibly harmful to the environment are ok'd to proceed. (LNG facilities along the coast, and SpaceX Starbase in particular come to mind as recent examples. Flaring of methane from oil wells, inadequate regulations for preventing hurricane damage to refineries, and in the hill country, inadequate care of groundwater supplies and water quality, due to wastewater treatment plants that allow for degradation of surface waters through excessive discharge of nutrient-rich treated waters. Waters which then percolate back into groundwater, carrying pollution further and endangering aquatic life and well-dependent land owners.)

Your Proposed Solution

Increasingly stiff and meaningful fines for repeat offenders, with strict enforcement, and usage of those funds to invest in renewable energy resources. Leadership that is committed to improving our environmental impacts, and will fight for that. Accurate assessment of the impacts of development on water quality and quantity, with no degradation permitted. Slow degradation is still going to end in massive quality declines over time. Sustainable economic development must come behind sustainable land and water use, or the long term economic vision will fail.

My Comments Will Be Made Public

Yes