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Fort Bend County/Houston Environmental Organization

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Texas

Your Comments or Concerns

Hello everyone, my name is Donna Thomas. I have lived in zip code 77053 in Fort Bend County for over 26 years. I am passionate about my community and am the founder of Fort Bend County/Houston Environmental Organization where I along with the help of FBHSN41 Environmental Committee set up air monitors in our county. The air monitors provide data that measure TVOCs and PMs. We need to prioritize these monitors to receive grants for funding over others. There are many other community grassroots organizations like mine who have air monitors that need to be funded. It is clear that TCEQ is not holding these industries that are polluting accountable. There is no oversight actually happening and there is no enforcement of these rules. If TCEQ wants to live up to serving Texans, it needs to start actually overseeing these pollution violations and issue fines that actually impact their businesses to force them into compliance.

Your Proposed Solution

TCEQ should set up a fund that will provide money for small grassroots air monitor organizations like mine to be able to maintain these air monitors and analyze the data necessary to ensure we have clean air. We should hold the Polluters, TCEQ and Sunset Review accountable for each role they play in our communities to have clean air; because don't we all deserve clean air to breathe.

My Comments Will Be Made Public

Yes