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The Hon. Byron Cook  
Member, Texas Sunset Advisory Commission  
P. O. Box 13066  
Austin, TX 78711

December 8, 2010

Dear Mr. Cook:

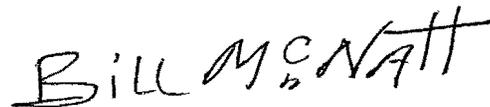
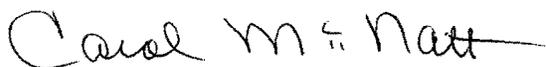
We are writing of our concern in relation to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. We strongly feel that this agency should have stricter standards and a more aggressive approach to enforcement.

For example, our local environmental group, East Texas Environmental Concerns Organization, cares deeply about the issue of coal burning utility plants in our state. In particular, we worry about Big Brown, the coal plant nearest us in Fairfield, Texas. We are very anxious about the quality of our air and water since we are so close to the plant. We also feel that TCEQ has not been responsive to our qualms or alert to the dangers of such facilities.

Another issue that comes to mind is the practice of hydraulic fracturing in the production of gas wells in Parker County and other areas of our state. The Dallas Morning News frequently carries news items relative to the dangers of gas wells and the consequent stress on our aquifers.

Once again, we appreciate your diligent efforts in regard to the Sunset Advisory Commission, and we would appreciate your efforts in our behalf.

Sincerely,



Carol & Bill McNatt

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