

I am here on behalf of my family and community. I carry a B.A. degree in Environmental Science with Biology; demanding not only for the oath to the earth and ~~Environment~~, but for my young children that they all be protected, which clearly TCEQ is not doing! Rules and laws having no meaning or are non-existent in Texas for the environment and public health. I went to a TCEQ hearing just yesterday (12/14/10) - watching the Commission disregard all facts and recommendations given by the Administrative Law Judges (ALJ), as Mr. Shaw (TCEQ) stated, "I don't have a good feeling about this," tabled the Tenaska air permit for a coal plant, and then 2 hours later gave Tenaska the air permit anyway because "they don't want to hinder big business." Putting citizen's health, air, water, and environment it is suppose to protect at ~~the~~ risk! If we citizens failed to do our jobs correctly in the workforce, we would be fired, demoted, and or reprimanded, yet the EPA is charging ^(TCEQ) them of this and so is your state citizens! The Federal Clean Air Act and Water Act is repeatedly compromised by big business and Money \$, and Money speak for TCEQ and it means granting & approving all permits and bragging about only denying 14%! What about my health risks, our community; with rates of asthma, allergies, autism, and cancer all increasing - in my family today. Who's paying my healthcare bills? Focusing on this poison alone, Mercury, a coal plant emission, Just to name one, is so dangerous enough that even the United States Postal Service won't let you ship a tiny everyday thermometer. Shouldn't the TCEQ deny an air permit for it to be emitted by the particle ~~ton~~ load?! Please think to yourself if this agency was okay, then why are there over 100 citizens here today from all over the state to tell you otherwise. I am mad as an environmentalist, which all of us should be, but also as a mad mother who is not okay with the TCEQ poisoning her children, air, and land! We are all here to make a change & stop this insanity, please be this change. We demand it! Thank you