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As a biologist, I urge TCEQ to implement the most stringent possible plan to bring the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) area back into attainment for ozone pollution in accordance with the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards as required by the Clean Air Act.

In the HGB area, a group of large industrial plants, oil refineries, and chemical and petrochemical plants are the largest ozone-precursor sources and need to reduce both VOCs and NOx emissions in order to improve Houston's are quality. NRG's Parish coal plant in Fort Bend County is by far the #1 source of NOx pollution locally. ExxonMobil's Baytown complex is the largest sources of VOC pollution.

A large part of the nonattainment problem in Texas is also related to increased temperatures, because the summers are getting hotter as the climate crisis is exasperated by continued reliance on fossil fuels and a failure to appropriately regulate polluting industries in general. A recent story from the Sierra Club identified that nearly half of the Texas population is consistently exposed to unsafe levels of ozone pollution.

I live in South Texas where 3 LNG export terminals/pipelines are proposed as well as the current SpaceX heavy booster rocket launch site. These new locations will severely impact the Rio Grande Valley Area which has no large polluting industries here as to this date. Therefore, my actions are proactive before the danger comes to my area - as it is quickly approaching.

All Texans, both in Houston and other coastal cities are facing the very real and dangerous consequences of TCEQ's failure to submit state plans that meet the federal requirements for NAAQS, so we expect you all to do your due diligence and provide the most stringent regulations with these revisions to the 2008 plan.

In our RGV area, there are no cumulative impact studies being performed by any federal or state agencies for the heavy industrialization of the Brownsville Ship Channel/Navigation District. How can this be so?

Thank you for your consideration.