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I am just learning now that the EPA downgraded the requirement for ozone standards for the Houston area. As a Houston native, I think its ridiculous that those in power dont even care enough to ensure that the TCEQ can provide a SIP that meets federal standards to address ozone standards in the area. At the MINIMUM those standards should meet the federal standards of the Clean Air Act.

These companies have made BILLIONS of dollars off of resources in the Houston area while putting Houstonians in harms way. Even though the executives at these companies are getting rich they cant even give Houstonians the decency of ensuring their resources are doing the least damage to the environment they can. A 2023 published by the Environmental Integrity Project identified 6 Houston areas where residents were exposed to the highest levels of ozone in 2023 at 100 ppb (the 2008 standard is 75 ppb). It is also revealed that more than 90 percent of the residents in 4 of these areas are people of color, and that about 50 percent of these households are low income.

While these companies have been in this city forever and helped us grow, provide jobs etc - that does NOT excuse causing harm to communities - especially those that are in underserved areas. Just because we live in mainly Black and brown or middle to low income communities doesnt mean that we deserve to breath in dangerous air.

I am demanding that you all to do your due diligence and provide the most stringent regulations with these revisions to the outdated, 15 year old, 2008 plan.

Thank you for your consideration.