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Now that Texas must submit plans to outline how methane emissions will be limited in our area to the EPA, we must get serious about limiting fracking, especially in residential areas. Most of us live in urban areas and this is where Total Energy is expanding operations, including Tarrant County.

Methane is a dangerous pollutant with 80 times the warming power of carbon and Arlington has almost 400 methane gas wells and about 50 drill sites!

How was this allowed to happen? We are allowing more preterm births, low birth weight babies, congenital heart disease, asthma, COPD flareups, and leukemia. I live within ½ mile of a gas well and developed asthma as an adult. It is costly and can be debilitating.

This is a local and state wide problem but with ramifications that go beyond us to the world. Our weather is becoming more extreme. Let's do something about it!

We simply must make regulations that curtail this pollution, make sure these regulations are followed, fine companies large dollar amounts when they are not, and move sites a safe distance away. This is should be mandatory for schools, daycare centers, and medical centers, but also important for all homes and businesses.

Let's make meaningful rules and regulations, please.

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