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The intent of Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP), created in 2001, is to decrease the effects from harmful emissions from industry. Allowing industry to avoid fines by using the TERP fund, does not force industry to clean up its pollution, it shifts the burden of the fee to the taxpayer. That defeats the purpose of the plan.

TECQ needs to rethink the program and impose costs via section 185 fee to incentivize meaningful emission reductions from major polluters.

Residents of DFW deserve cleaner air, not a taxpayer funded subsidy to the worst polluters. That is not fair to the people who live and work and go to school close to fracking related sources of VOCs and NOx pollution alone.