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Regarding: Rule Project Number 2023-131-101-AI

We should not be shifting financial burdens to taxpayers while allowing industry to have no incentive to clean up their operations.

The intent of Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP), created in 2001, is to decrease the effects from harmful vehicle emissions, not pay for pollution from industry.

Allowing industry to avoid fines by using the TERP fund does not force industry to clean up its pollution. It merely shifts the burden of the fee to taxpayers.

TCEQ needs to rethink this program, and impose costs via the Section 185 fee to incentivize meaningful emissions reductions from major polluters. Residents of DFW deserve cleaner air, not a taxpayer funded subsidy to the worst polluters.

Almost a million residents in Tarrant county live, work, and go to school, close to fracking related sources of VOCs and NOx pollution alone.