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I am strongly opposed to using TERP funds to pay any part of the federal penalties. These funds should come from the industrial companies who are generating the pollution.

If it is ultimately deemed that greater public good comes from having taxpayers pay monetarily (in addition to paying with their health and longevity) for the pollution in the non-attainment areas, then at least make the 'punishment fit the crime' by taxing the ALL the industrial products sold by the polluters (not just gasoline). TERP funds are for helping to reduce vehicle emissions, and should not be used to subsidize industrial emissions. A utility tax on natural gas would be a natural source of funds to pay these fines. But of course, ultimately fines should be paid by the polluters, not the public. Policy incentives such as fines must be in the right place to effect change and improve public health.

Sincerely,

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Although I live in California I hold mineral rights in Arlington, TX inherited from my father John Wickham who was a long-time chair of UT Arlington Earth and Environmental Sciences Department. I have no power to turn off or prevent the industrial fracking that is occurring under the land on which I hold mineral rights. If possible, I would gladly trade my royalties to reduce urban fracking, but apparently I do not have any say in how my 'rights' are used.