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Why this matters:

- Senate Bill 1397 proposes important updates to public participation, including emailing permit notices directly to residents near facilities and allowing 36 hours for public comments after TCEQ meetings.

Comment:

(Yes the public should all have notifications to those that's close to all fence line and even 30 miles radius of a facility that being polluted. We all deserve more time for public comments because 36 hours is not enough time for public comments; I suggest TCEQ give 5 to 30 days to submit final comments after public meetings.)

- It also allows TCEQ to consider industrial accidents like fires or explosions when reviewing future permits, which could result in permits being denied.

Comment:

(Yes- we must have TCEQ to due investigation by reviewing all incidents at facilities, industries and companies. We need to hold these incidents part of the process to grant a permit; which will protect workers and the public safety in Texas by denying permits for the future.)

- The bill increases penalties for violations from \$25,000 to \$40,000 per day, holding industries more accountable for protecting public health and the environment.

Comment:

(All violations should be find more than 40,000 per day, These violators that have millions of dollars and causing health issues and harm to our fence line neighbors and other property owners and Texas; Such as violation by WA. Parish Plant on by NRG. Many violators must pay more on their fines to hold them accountable cause they get millions every year from public tax dollars like NRG. Please increase fines to those that's violating our rights to a cleaner environment.)

Water Quality Impacts:

Stronger environmental regulations and public oversight are key to protecting our water quality. Additional controls on industrial facilities may prevent pollutants from entering our waterways, safeguarding drinking water and the health of local ecosystems.

Comment:

(We are affected by Industries, facilities private and local companies violating our water water ways. TCEQ should make sure all our water supplies are protected from contamination in Texas. TCEQ Please hold all those responsible that impacts us with violations to our well water, drainage system, drinking water,

Lakes, Rivers, Creeks and Bayous in our neighborhoods, cities, and counties with Stronger environmental Protections.)

I like to thank TCEQ and Sunset Review for allowing me and others to participate in this amazing process.

Cause we all are affected by all these different challenges in we need protecting for Texans Citizens.