



Texans' Ability to Challenge Polluters At Risk Tell Senators: No Chisum Amendments on TCEQ Sunset Bill!

Texans' ability to contest permits that pose a threat to clean air, clean water, and a clean environment is under attack.

Problem:

Rep. Warren Chisum (R-Pampa) Amendments to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Sunset Bill in the House represent a major change in the way the state would handle air quality, water quality, injection wells, sewage and toxic chemicals permitting.

We need to send a strong message to our state senators: No Chisum Amendments to the TCEQ Sunset Bill!

Under the Chisum Amendments, Texas law would force the public to carry the burden of proof in any challenges to TCEQ permitting of coal and chemical plants and other facilities. Everyday Texans would be forced to hire experts, pay lawyers, undertake costly modeling and bear the burden of proof against proposed facilities that could harm public health and safety. The amendments would also prevent a state agency like the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department from contesting a permit to be issued by the TCEQ, and eliminate the contested case opportunity for air pollution permit amendments to control hazardous air pollutants such as mercury.

To learn more about the grave risks posed by the Chisum Amendments, we encourage you to [watch this exchange from the House floor during debate on one amendment on April 20.](#)



Action Needed:

Please contact your State Senator today to tell them NO Chisum Amendments. Preserve Texans' ability to have their voices heard and their air and water protected. The "act now" button below will allow you to quickly and conveniently send a message to your State Senator on this important issue.