

# MAKE POLLUTION HISTORY



Which Texas do you envision?



## Help improve our state environmental agency...for the next ten years



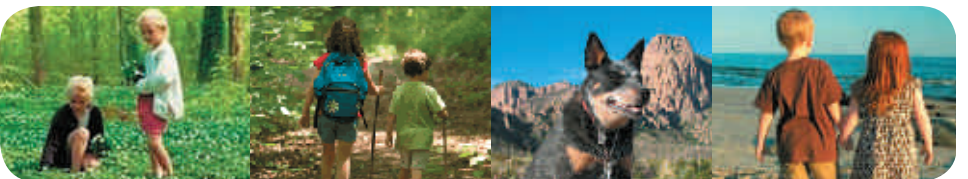
This year presents Texans with a once-in-a-decade opportunity to improve the way our state environmental agency carries out its mission to protect our health and natural resources. Currently, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is under review by Texas lawmakers, who will recommend improvements to the agency and, ultimately, pass “sunset” legislation that will shape the way TCEQ operates for the next ten-plus years. **With your grassroots support, we can change TCEQ for the better.**



Texans expect our environmental agency to protect our health. Right now, **TCEQ often falls short** of these expectations due to lax enforcement of existing clean air and water laws. The sunset review process offers all concerned Texans a chance to advocate for much-needed reforms at TCEQ.



As the coalition of Texas environmental and public interest groups dedicated to improving TCEQ, we have big plans for the sunset review...and we need your help. **Your voice and your story are crucial.** Together, we'll show that Texans across our state are ready to make pollution a thing of the past.



# WHY IT'S TIME TO IMPROVE TCEQ



## AIR

The U.S. EPA has declared TCEQ's air pollution permit system violates the federal Clean Air Act and fails to allow significant public participation.



## WATER

TCEQ recently proposed rules that would increase the amount of E. coli bacteria allowed in Texas waterways before they are considered polluted.



## WASTE

Rather than require new landfills to meet decades-old federal standards, TCEQ currently allows trash facilities to expand atop old landfills—frequently over sites without protective liners—often creating literal mountains of garbage.



## JUSTICE

TCEQ's enforcement of pollution violations is so weak that, in many cases, paying the penalty costs less than actually cleaning up the problem. In other words, in Texas it often pays to pollute.



## TAKE ACTION

Sign up to receive the latest TCEQ Sunset Action Alerts  
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## JOIN ACT IN THE COMING YEAR:



Alliance for a Clean Texas is an environmental coalition dedicated to improving the Texas Commission on Environmental

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APRIL 2010

*Sign up for a local team and run a postcard or letter campaign*

SEPTEMBER 2010

*Share your story at one of ten town hall meetings around the state*

DECEMBER 2010

*Speak up for change at the TCEQ Sunset hearing in Austin*

JANUARY-JUNE 2011

*Join our legislative action team at the Capitol or your hometown*