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Your Comments or Concerns

I became aware of the TCEQ in the 1990's when it was still the TNRCC. An asphalt pre-coat company was making application for an air permit to establish an asphalt pre-coat business in the North Llano River in Junction Texas. Many citizens were against this project and a public hearing was held. It was not until TPWD denied the sand and gravel permit that the permit process was withdrawn.

My next experience with TCEQ was when Pilot Truck Stop proposed putting a massive truck stop in the floodway of the North Llano River. This location would cause all run-off from the truck stop parking lot to go directly into the river, affecting miles of downstream users of the Llano River system. This project was greenlighted by TCEQ, even though it was a known environmental hazard. It was allowed to be built there.

Most recently TCEQ approved the City of Junction's permit to dump sewage directly into the Llano River, even though the city has been out of compliance continuously for over 2 years. Citizens requested that TCEQ require the City of Junction to begin land application of their sewage. This was not done and the TCEQ renewed the City of Junction's water permit with a few minor requirements.

My observation over time, is that TCEQ is not an environmental watch dog, but an enabler of corporations and other businesses to use the natural resources of our state to the detriment of

the citizens' health and well being.

Your Proposed Solution

TCEQ needs more oversight and the Commissioners need to be independent of politics. By making the Commissioners political appointees of the Governor's office, they will always be affected by the ambitions of those holding the governor's office. I suggest the Commissioners be selected by a panel of both parties of the Texas Legislator. They should not be beholden to any group with is regulated by the TCEQ.

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Yes