

WHAT ARE "POINT SOURCE" AIR POLLUTERS?

*POINT SOURCES ARE AIR POLLUTERS WITH
SMOKESTACKS THAT STAY IN ONE PLACE.*

HOW DO THEY THREATEN THE AIR I BREATHE?

*MOST DFW SMOG IS CAUSED BY CARS. BUT A LOT
IS ALSO CAUSED BY THE CEMENT PLANTS IN
MIDLOTHIAN AND A RING OF POWER PLANTS TO
THE SOUTH AND EAST. THE POLLUTION FROM
THESE INDUSTRIAL SMOKESTACKS MAKE IT MORE
DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE CLEAN AIR IN DFW NO
MATTER HOW MUCH WE TRY TO REDUCE CAR
POLLUTION.*

WHY HAVEN'T PAST AIR PLANS TARGETED THEM?

*THE STATE HAS HISTORICALLY SIDED WITH THE
LARGEST POLLUTERS TO EXEMPT THEIR
SMOKESTACKS. SOME POWER PLANTS HAVE HAD
TO MEET NEW STANDARDS, BUT THE MIDLOTHIAN
CEMENT PLANTS AND POWER PLANTS UPWIND OF
DFW ARE STILL OPERATING WITHOUT MODERN
POLLUTION CONTROLS.*

HOW DO I MAKE SURE THEY'RE TARGETED THIS TIME?

**1. CONTACT: GOVERNOR PERRY AND THE HEAD
OF THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY. TELL
THEM YOU WANT THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO MANDATE THE
STRICTEST POLLUTION CONTROLS ON ALL
CURRENT POINT SOURCES THAT POLLUTE DFW
AIR, AND REJECT PERMITS FOR NEW POINT
SOURCES THAT DON'T HAVE THOSE CONTROLS.**

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A NEW DFW CLEAN AIR PLAN IS BEING WRITTEN IN AUSTIN...

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POINT(S)

AGAIN?

**"Gotta get
that tailpipe
fixed Buddy.
There's an
air pollution
alert today"**

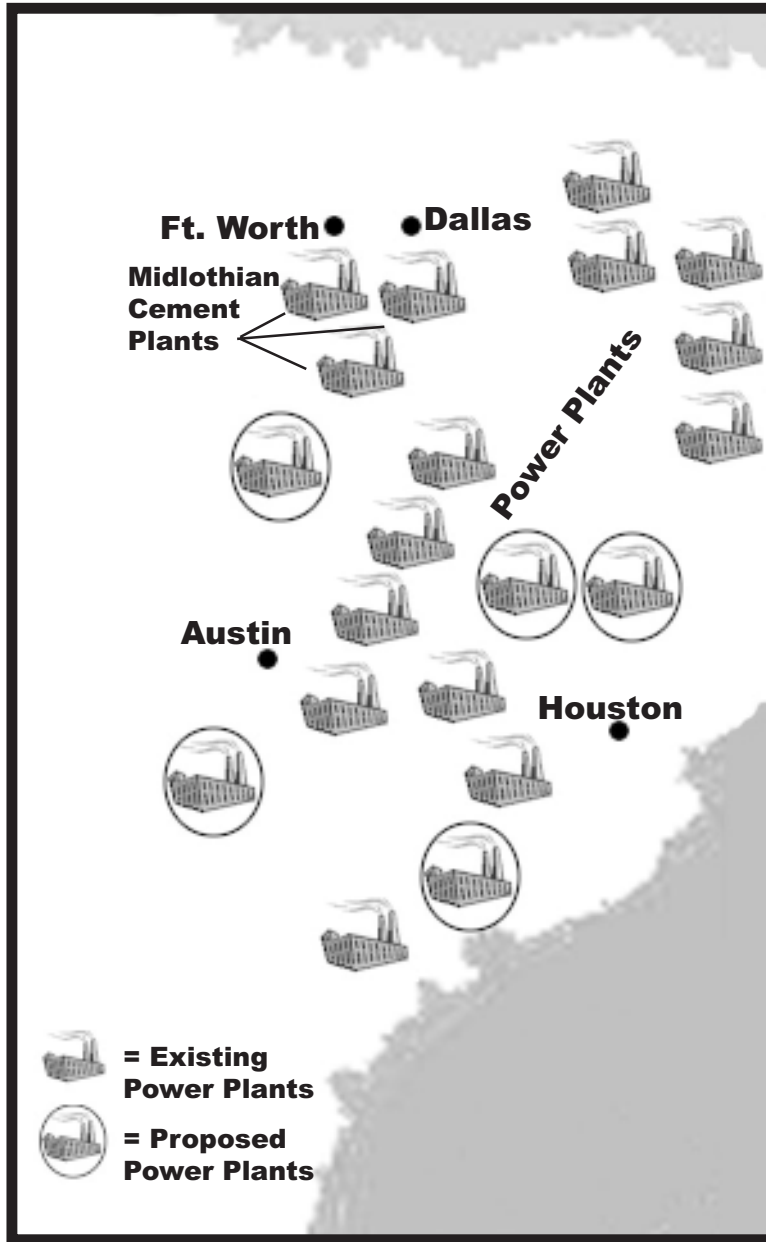


A NEW DFW CLEAN AIR PLAN IS BEING WRITTEN NOW WILL THESE INDUSTRIAL POLLUTERS BE TARGETED?

RIGHT NOW, THE STATE OF TEXAS IS WRITING A NEW CLEAN AIR PLAN FOR DFW THAT IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE US BREATHING BETTER AIR BY 2010. THIS FOLLOWS THE 2000 CLEAN AIR PLAN THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS BY 2005. THAT FOLLOWED A DECADE OF PLANS THAT DIDN'T WORK EITHER.

THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY DFW STILL DOESN'T HAVE CLEAN AIR. ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IS THAT THE STATE HAS NEVER REQUIRED THE MOST ADVANCED POLLUTION CONTROLS FOR SOME OF THE LARGEST INDUSTRIAL POLLUTERS UPWIND OF DFW, LIKE THE MIDLOTHIAN CEMENT PLANTS AND POWER PLANTS IN EAST AND CENTRAL TEXAS.

THE STATE HAS ALSO ALLOWED A WAVE OF NEW PERMITS THAT INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SMOG-FORMING POLLUTION COMING FROM THOSE PLANTS & WHOLE NEW FACILITIES.



THE MIDLOTHIAN CEMENT PLANTS

THE THREE CEMENT PLANTS IN MIDLOTHIAN EMIT MORE POLLUTION EVERY YEAR THAN ALL THE CARS THAT ARE REGISTERED IN DENTON OR COLLIN COUNTIES.

DESPITE LIP SERVICE IN THE STATE'S 2000 CLEAN AIR PLAN, SMOG-FORMING EMISSIONS FROM THE CEMENT PLANTS HAVE ACTUALLY INCREASED SINCE THEN AND THE STATE HAS OK'D NEW PERMITS ALLOWING MORE INCREASES.

NEW TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN USED TO DECREASE SMOG POLLUTION FROM CEMENT PLANTS BY UP TO 80%. IT'S TIME WE APPLIED THIS STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY TO THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF CEMENT MANUFACTURING IN THE U.S.

POWER PLANTS

POWER PLANTS ARE THE LARGEST INDUSTRIAL SMOG POLLUTERS IN TEXAS.

IN 2000, POWER PLANTS IN COLLIN, DALLAS, DENTON AND TARRANT COUNTIES WERE HELD TO A NEW STANDARD OF POLLUTION CONTROL, BUT MOST OF THE POWER PLANTS SOUTH AND EAST OF DFW WERE NOT. UTILITY COMPANIES HAVE FILED FOR PERMITS FOR NEW PLANTS THAT WOULD ADD 14,000 MORE TONS OF AIR POLLUTION. THESE NEW PLANTS THREATEN TO UNDERMINE ANY PROGRESS TOWARD CLEANER AIR THAT MIGHT BE ACHIEVED BY IMPOSING EXTREME MEASURES ON INDIVIDUAL DFW DRIVERS AND RESIDENTS. ALL POWER PLANTS CONTRIBUTING TO DFW'S AIR POLLUTION SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO MEET A NEW, LOWER EMISSION STANDARD AND THE STATE SHOULD SET A SMOG CAP THAT CANNOT BE EXCEEDED. THE FACT IS, RENEWABLE SOURCES AND EFFICIENCY COULD PROVIDE THE SAME POWER AS THESE NEW FOSSIL FUEL PLANTS WITHOUT THE SMOG.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

DFW AIR POLLUTION HAS TO BE REDUCED BY 2010 OR THE REGION FACES A POTENTIAL CUT-OFF OF ITS FEDERAL HIGHWAY-BUILDING BUDGET.

EACH OF THE LARGE INDUSTRIAL POLLUTERS, CALLED "POINT SOURCES" BY THE STATE, PRODUCES THE EQUIVALENT SMOG POLLUTION OF TENS, OR EVEN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CARS.

AS LONG AS THEY AVOID THE BEST POLLUTION CONTROLS ON THEIR SMOKESTACKS, THE PRESSURE TO REDUCE EMISSIONS FALLS HARDEST ON INDIVIDUAL DFW RESIDENTS AND DRIVERS. WHAT'S NEEDED IS A STRATEGY THAT EVENLY DISTRIBUTES THE BURDEN OF ACHIEVING CLEAN AIR.