

TEXAS CLEAN AIR CITIES COALITION

Preliminary Texas Legislative Priorities

1. Encourage Assessment and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases

- Develop a statewide greenhouse gas inventory
- Adopt a “no regrets” strategy to reduce greenhouse gases and save money
- Encourage carbon capture from coal fired power plants and adopt regulations to ensure appropriate controls on carbon capture projects

2. Increase Availability of Renewable Power

- Increase mandatory goals for renewable power supply

3. Reduce Energy Consumption

- Adopt enhanced appliance standards for consumer products such as pool pumps and bottled water dispensers
- Adopt enhanced building codes such as those already passed in Dallas and Houston
- Increase funding to the LoanSTAR program, which provides a revolving loan fund to increase energy conservation programs in buildings
- Encourage the installation of smart meters
- Increase each electric utility’s investment in energy efficiency programs to 30% of its annual growth in residential and commercial customers

4. Improve Ambient Air Quality

- Require cumulative impact analysis and nationwide technology reviews of new major stationary sources and existing sources upon permit renewal
- Require an analysis of ozone impacts from major stationary sources on ozone non-attainment and near non-attainment areas
- Support legislation to increase ambient air quality monitors in Texas for priority pollutants and fence line monitoring for major stationary sources
- Strengthen the Air Pollution Watch List program