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# Roll Beyond Coal, Texas! We can do it.

## The Second Wave of the Texas Coal Rush

is pounding Texas this winter. At a time when national, state, and local governments, industrial and business leaders, civic organizations and individual citizens are rising together to the challenge of climate change and leading the drive for clean power solutions for a healthier green jobs economy, Texas seems to be going backward with 12 proposed new coal plants in the permitting process or under construction. **Texas has a far larger number of proposed coal plants than any other state in the nation.** Michigan, the next closest, has only 4 proposed coal plants. Because of our lax air permitting system, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently proposed to reject plans of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, (TCEQ). Sierra Club is asking the EPA to take bold action and block all new coal plants in Texas and to review all existing coal plant permits.



## Clean Power Solutions

Making our homes and buildings energy efficient ...Building wind, solar, and geothermal power... on-site renewables first... creating green jobs... weatherizing homes... individual solutions at home...policy solutions in local, state, and national government...business solutions in corporations and mom and pop shops!

***Sierra Club and our environmental partners are fighting the second wave of the Texas Coal Rush; and, we're working on cleaning up and phasing out existing coal plants. We need your help!***

## Proposed New Texas Coal

### Coal plants in beginning stages of permitting:

- Coletto Creek, expansion near Goliad
- Las Brisas, Corpus Christi, urban petcoke
- White Stallion, near Bay City
- Tenaska, near Sweetwater
- Limestone, near Jewett a couple of hours north east of Waco

### Coal Plants that received permits, are currently under appeal, in construction or new online in Texas:

- Sandy Creek, Riesel near Waco
- Oak Grove, Franklin east of Waco
- Sandow, near Rockdale, went online in Oct. 2009

### Other proposed Coal Plants:

- Spruce, expansion south of San Antonio
- Calhoun Co & Formosa, northeast of Corpus Christi
- Lockwood Gasification, near Freeport, petcoke gasification
- Summit IGCC, between Midland and Odessa



**COAL PLANTS...**  
**Cost too much.**  
**Make people sick.**  
**Contribute to global warming.**  
**Use enormous amounts of water.**

If TCEQ allows these new Texas coal plants to go online, the cumulative impact, combined with emissions from the 17 existing coal plants, will mean 677,146 tons per year of smog, smoke and ozone-forming pollution, 227,494,857 tons per year of CO2, and 14,858 pounds per year of mercury every year! Many regions of Texas are already in non-attainment of federal air quality standards. **That much air pollution would result in a further reduced quality of life as more Texans become sick and die prematurely. Building more coal plants in Texas would further wreck Texas' already stressed water and air resources. This is an entirely unacceptable future!**

**Sierra Club needs you! Get involved** in the efforts to stop new coal plants and clean up and phase out old coal plants in Texas. You can actually have fun, go on some hikes, and make new friends while you're at it! Contact the Sierra Club at 512-477-1729 or go to [www.sierraclub.org/coal/tx](http://www.sierraclub.org/coal/tx). This publication is a project of Sierra Club's Climate Recovery Partnership and the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club.