



Dear GEAA members and friends,

**If you have yet to contact your State Representatives to ask them to vote NO on HB 1865, please do so ASAP.** This bill will severely limit citizens' ability to protest TCEQ permits. It limits the time for comment and discovery and shifts the burden of proof from the permit applicant to citizens in a contested case. Should this bill pass and go into effect on September 1, 2015, we will find it nearly impossible to contest the permit for sewage infrastructure, cement plants, and other projects that particularly problems to rural land owners. [Click here](#) to read GEAA's comments.

[HB 1865](#) has been sent to the House Calendars committee and may be scheduled for a House floor vote this coming week.

You can contact your Representative by calling (512) 463- 4630 / or by e-mailing them at:

FirstName.LastName@House.State.Tx.Us

**It is time to speak now or forever hold your peace as to the future of your community and your rights as a landowner.** Your participation in the legislative process can make a difference. Please act today.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Annalisa Peace

Executive Director

[Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance](#)

(strip everything above this line and send to your Representative)

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Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_

I am contacting you as a constituent to request that you vote NAY on [HB 1865](#) by Morrison relating to the environmental permitting procedures for applications filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

This bill will severely limit citizens' ability to protest TCEQ permits. It limits the time for comment and discovery and shifts the burden of proof from the permit applicant to citizens in a contested case. Should this bill pass and go into effect on September 1, 2015, your constituents will find it nearly impossible to contest permits for sewage infrastructure, cement plants, and other projects that are particularly problematic to rural land owners. [Click here](#) to read more detailed comments on HB 1865.

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Respectfully,

*sign your name*

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