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[Spotlight on Natural Resource Issues](#)

The 77th Legislature will deal with a variety of issues related to air, water, and land management during the 140-day regular session. State lawmakers, for example, will likely take a close look at the TNRCC's plan for improving air quality in several large urban areas, as well as topics related to water availability and management. The TNRCC has released several reports in anticipation of legislative deliberations.



[Funding Requests](#)

The TNRCC will seek an additional \$15.1 million in funding the next biennium to expand environmental protection and regulation activities. The additional funds would aid programs such as air monitoring and assessment of water quality.



[Houston Air Plan Gets OK](#)

The TNRCC has approved a comprehensive plan for reducing air pollution in the eight-county Houston-Galveston area. The proposal, which must be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, is designed to bring the metropolitan area into compliance with federal air quality standards. The strategy calls for emissions reductions in nitrogen oxide (75 percent) and volatile organic compounds (40 percent) by 2007.

[Central Registry Kick-Off](#)

The TNRCC is preparing to launch its Central Registry, a computer application that will allow staff to use a single, centralized area to record common information, such as the company names, addresses, and telephone numbers of regulated entities. The system, which will be used by staff to assist the general public, is expected to be in operation in March.

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