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## Spring 2001 Issue

### [Making Amends](#)

Not all fines for environmental violations end up in the state treasury. Some penalty payments are directed back to the very community in which the infraction occurred.



Through the TNRCC's supplemental environmental projects, entities paying administrative fines sometimes choose to address local problems of air and water quality or land management. Proceeds from fines are used to clean up illegal dump sites, conduct recycling programs, or bring water

and wastewater services to needy neighborhoods. Some entities contribute to nonprofit conservation efforts.

### [Super Cleanups](#)

For almost two decades, Texas has been involved in federal- or state-sponsored Superfund projects. The program was created to address the severe health and environmental problems that can result from abandoned or inactive hazardous waste sites. More than 100 properties have been cleaned up in Texas.



## Water Outlook: 2050

An analysis of water availability has concluded that Texas will need seven new major reservoirs to meet the demands of a growing population and industrial base. The "Water for Texas" report, issued by the Texas Water Development Board, contains the recommendations of 16 work groups representing all regions of the state. Each group spent more than two years studying regional water needs for the coming decades.



## Operation Clean Air

Faced with the prospect of growing air pollution, the Corpus Christi area has mounted a comprehensive clean air campaign aimed at the public and business community. The coordinated efforts have managed to keep ozone levels below the levels monitored by state and federal regulators. Local officials credit their success to widespread participation in the voluntary program to reduce emissions.



## Fuel Cell Technology



The TNRCC has demonstrated the efficiencies of an alternate source of energy—hydrogen fuel cells. A 3,000-watt fuel cell, housed in a trailer at the TNRCC headquarters, was used to power a continuous air monitoring station for three months this year. Portable fuel cells now promise to aid the TNRCC in conducting air and water sampling in remote areas.

## Be a Clean Texas Partner

Now is the time to join the TNRCC's Clean Texas program, a voluntary environmental leadership program that is open to companies, organizations, and communities of all sizes.



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