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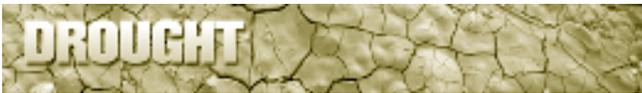
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AIR QUALITY

[Lawsuits Threaten Clean Air Plans](#)

Six lawsuits pending in state and federal district courts are poised to scuttle portions of the TNRCC's plan to improve air quality in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The lawsuits challenge TNRCC rules affecting airport runway services, the operations of electric utility generating plants and cement kilns, an ozone-season ban on use of heavy construction before 10 a.m., and accelerated purchases of new diesel equipment.



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[Small Water Systems Face Drought Plan Deadline](#)

This month, small retail water utilities—those with fewer than 3,300 connections—must have their drought contingency plans ready for TNRCC inspectors. The plans should spell out the steps each supplier will take in case of dwindling water supplies.



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[A Tale of Two Towns](#)

The North Texas towns of Electra and Throckmorton had to take emergency measures

this summer to keep basic water supplies available. Both faced the prospect of running out of water when their primary water supply lakes reached perilously low levels. A team dispatched by the TNRCC helped the communities with technical assistance and recommendations for improved conservation and water monitoring.

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