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Dear Dr. Enstrom,

The State of Texas currently does not directly regulate diesel particulate matter (DPM). Texas does implement the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}.

A standard reference method for measuring ambient levels of DPM is not available, though there are a few laboratories in the country that can use "research" methods to estimate DPM ambient levels. Therefore, compliance with a DPM exposure standard would be difficult to demonstrate. Also, Texas is specifically prohibited by the U.S. Clean Air Act (Title II, Part A) from regulating one of the primary sources of DPM, diesel engines in mobile sources like trucks and buses.

If I can be of further help, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Honeycutt".

Michael Honeycutt, Ph.D.
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