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H.B. No. 838

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air  
contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 382.0518, Health and Safety Code, is  
amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) In making its finding under Subsection (b)(2) as to  
whether emissions from the facility will contravene the intent of  
this chapter, the commission shall consider the cumulative effects  
on the public's health and physical property of expected air  
contaminant emissions from the facility or proposed facility and  
from other facilities located less than three miles from the  
facility or proposed facility.

SECTION 2. Section 382.055(d), Health and Safety Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

(d) In determining whether and under which conditions a  
preconstruction permit should be renewed, the commission shall  
consider, at a minimum:

(1) the performance of the owner or operator of the  
facility according to the method developed by the commission under  
Section 5.754, Water Code; ~~and~~

(2) the condition and effectiveness of existing  
emission control equipment and practices; and

(3) the cumulative effects on the public's health and

1 physical property of expected air contaminant emissions from the  
2 facility and from other facilities located less than three miles  
3 from the facility.

4           SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
5 the issuance or renewal of a permit for which an application is  
6 filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or  
7 after the effective date of this Act. The issuance or renewal of a  
8 permit for which an application is filed with the Texas Commission  
9 on Environmental Quality before the effective date of this Act is  
10 governed by the law in effect when the application is filed, and the  
11 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

12           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.