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## **Statement from Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins Regarding the Executive Order on the Clean Power Plan**

“Coal fired power plants in North and East Texas are our single fixed source of air pollution. That pollution leads to the high ozone levels that has led to DFW being classified by the Environmental Protection Agency as a non-attainment area for the last three decades. Ozone non-attainment causes problems particularly for children and the elderly. Asthma is the leading cause of absenteeism for DISD.

President Trump’s actions today will reverse important protections against climate change, but luckily do little to change the economic laws in place that make expensive, old dirty coal plants less competitive against newer, cleaner sources of energy like wind, solar, and natural gas.

We’re seeing a reduction in the use of those coal plants, and I expect that to continue and that’s good news for everyone who breathes air in North Texas. We will do what we can in North Texas to weigh in on the harmful effects of climate change, air pollution, and our concerns with this attempted reversal of the Clean Power Plan throughout the lengthy comment period.”

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