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Community Triumph: NRG Withdraws Tolar Air Permit Application After Widespread Public Opposition Led by Protect the Paluxy Valley Inc.

TOLAR, TX — Today, June 23, 2026 — In a major victory for local residents, Protect the Paluxy Valley Inc. has successfully led a grassroots movement resulting in NRG Energy officially withdrawing its air permit application for the proposed Tolar Power Center. The 1,200-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant was intended to provide dedicated power generation for Sailfish Investors' controversial 2,100-acre Comanche Circle data center project.

The withdrawal follows months of fierce, coordinated community opposition spearheaded by Protect the Paluxy Valley Inc. Local residents submitted more than 11,000 formal public comments to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and packed community forums, town halls, and Hood County Commissioner meetings to voice deep concerns over air quality, massive water consumption, and the erosion of the area's rural character.

"This win belongs to every family who stood up to protect the air our children breathe and the water that sustains our beautiful valley," said Joanne Carcamo, representative for Protect the Paluxy Valley Inc. "We proved that a dedicated community, united by love for its land and its neighbors, can overcome even the biggest corporate giants. Together, we didn't just save our environment—we secured a safer, healthier future for the Paluxy River Valley."

While the withdrawal of the NRG Tolar air permit effectively halts the massive, heavy-polluting power plant infrastructure originally slated for the site, Protect the Paluxy Valley Inc. emphasizes that the broader Comanche Circle data center development is still moving forward. As the organization has received no communication or indication otherwise from the project's developer, Sailfish Investors, the massive hyperscale data center proposal remains active. The development continues to face intense scrutiny from neighbors over its projected depletion of local aquifers, massive land footprint, and overall threat to the Paluxy River watershed.

Protect the Paluxy Valley Inc. wishes to thank every community member, local official, and neighbor who signed a petition, attended a meeting, or submitted a comment to defeat the air permit. This victory belongs to the community, and the organization remains vigilant, active, and fully committed to protecting the valley as the data center project progresses.

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