



**League of Women Voters
of Texas**

**HB 3591
House Committee on Environmental Regulation
APRIL 29, 2009**

The League of Women Voters of Texas SUPPORTS HB 3591 by Representative Lon Burnam.

This bill relates to control of emissions from crude oil and condensate storage tanks. It directs the TCEQ to establish rules to regulate emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from a storage tank or tank battery located in a non-attainment area for ozone.

Specifically, if these storage tanks begin operation before September 1, 2010, the tank or tank battery must emit no more than 10 tons of VOCs per year. If the tanks begin operation after September 1, 2010, the VOCs are limited to five tons per year.

Storage tanks are always problematic; however, newer technology provides many ways to prevent these emissions and thus add to the efficiency of the plant.

We encourage your support of this bill.