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# Texas: Court Allows E.P.A. to Issue Greenhouse Permits

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A federal appeals court on Wednesday lifted a stay granted to Texas last month to keep the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) from taking over greenhouse gas permitting in the state. Texas had asked the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to block the E.P.A. from taking over the permits until the court could review the state's suit to stop the agency from instituting a plan to regulate greenhouse gases. In lifting the stay, the court said that "petitioners have not satisfied the stringent standards required for a stay pending court review." Texas is the only state that has refused to comply with the rules, which took effect Jan. 2. The E.P.A. took the unprecedented step of announcing it would directly issue permits to Texas industries after the state openly refused to comply with the regulations.