

Dear ECOS,

It was a privilege to be part of the ECOS meeting last week and to celebrate ECOS' 25 year anniversary. While most organizations struggle with maintaining membership, participation in meetings, keeping meetings relevant, and providing value to membership, I believe ECOS is performing better today than the first day I became a part of the organization. This was not an accident. This was the outcome of an intentional effort to make ECOS better. The member states and ECOS staff should be proud of this accomplishment. Our individual states and the environmental protection efforts of our nation have and will continue to benefit from a strong ECOS that speaks clearly on the environmental issues most important to our great country!

I retired from the Texas Commission on August 31 - <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/news/releases/tceq-chairman-retires-today>. It has been rewarding to serve as Chairman of the TCEQ. While it was a difficult decision to retire, I am excited to pursue my next chapter. It has been great getting to know and work with ECOS members and staff. Let's keep in touch. My email address is shawaggie@yahoo.com.

God bless,

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