

Take a stand against industrial polluters

I congratulate you on your covering the important issue of industrial pollution in Taylor County. I come down to visit my grandmother and aunt in the Tampa area several times a year from Edison, N.J., and I have had a chance to follow many of the environmental issues in the Tampa area.

Tallahassee and the rest of Florida, as well as Edison, N.J., have a host of environmental challenges to address. Pollution and out-of-control development plague our entire country. Polluters such as the Buckeye pulp mill must not be allowed to poison the fragile ecosystems of our shared environment. I

believe we need to reconsider a plan to let the mill install a pipeline that will let it dump poisons into the gulf. The only thing that companies like Buckeye see are that dioxins mean dollars.

Activists like Linda Young, Steve Medina and others who work tirelessly to make Florida a better place are responsible for the EPA's taking action to protect all Floridians. We all owe these people a great deal of gratitude for all their hard work. The elected officials and environmental protection agencies down here should wake up and make this company become a better corporate neighbor instead of running interference for it.

Thanks again to hard-working people down here who continue to make a difference.

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