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### Senator César J. Blanco Statement on TCEQ's Latest Findings on Marathon Refinery Emissions Incident

"The latest findings released by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) following this month's emissions event at Marathon are of major concern. Our community deserves answers, accountability, and a clear understanding of what happened.

According to TCEQ, the next steps are as follows:

- **Marathon submits its final emissions event report** to TCEQ within two weeks of the event's conclusion, after completing its evaluation of the incident.
- **TCEQ reviews the final report and conducts its investigation**, a process that can take 90 days or more.
- **TCEQ determines whether the event was avoidable** and whether Marathon took appropriate measures to minimize emissions.
- **TCEQ determines whether corrective, compliance, or enforcement action is warranted**, which could include penalties. Marathon's compliance history and prior enforcement actions may factor into that determination.
- **The separate air permit proceeding moves forward at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH)**, beginning with a preliminary hearing and the contested case process.

I will continue working with TCEQ to get answers, ensure appropriate accountability, and keep our community informed as additional information and findings become available."

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