

▶ The latest update in the **Penske/Texas Disposal Systems** landfill fight: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Executive Director Glenn Shankle told the *Austin American-Statesman* on Monday that he believes TDS is preventing Penske from following TCEQ orders to remove lead-laced waste from the TDS landfill, a removal that TDS itself has called for. TDS owner Bob Gregory says he is concerned that Penske has not produced a valid shipping manifest that shows the waste to be hazardous (Penske denies that the waste is hazardous), and that his company could later be held liable if the waste is disposed of improperly, thus he will not allow removal until the manifest is changed. Shankle says that since TCEQ has classified the waste as hazardous, TDS has nothing to worry about, and Penske has no choice but to dispose of it properly in a certified hazardous waste landfill; however, he also said that he may rescind his removal order if TDS continues to obstruct Penske.

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