

## TXU Mining Company, LP

### TXU SYSTEM ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

*Since 1971, TXU has provided \$4.2 million in environmental research funding for 112 graduate students.*

TXU's Environmental Research Program, begun in 1971, is unlike any other, financed by a private company and directed by an independent advisory committee with the research conducted by the most qualified graduate students to be found. The company has no review, editing, or publishing rights to the program's findings, and all of the work is published by the research fellows in open literature. The original Environmental Research Steering Committee included five members from various universities. The committee membership has increased to twelve over the years in order to address new environmental issues. Over the past thirty-five years, the committee has designated over \$4.2 million to fund graduate students in research, unguided by the company, on the environmental effects of surface mining and power generation. To date, 112 students have entered the program, doing research on geology, hydrology, soils, forage/crop plants, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecosystems, wetlands, and air quality. The results of the work have been utilized by the company, the regulatory agencies, and other industries for protection of the environment while developing recovery of the Texas lignite resource.