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Bexar County Environmental Services Builds Pad for New Monitoring Site

The Red Hill Lane Air Monitoring Station is now operational.

In response to concerns from area residents, the Bexar County Environmental Services Department coordinated with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to facilitate the building of a new air quality monitor on the Southside.

In order for TCEQ to fund and operate the monitoring equipment, a site had to be selected and prepared for installation of the equipment. Thanks to Precinct 1 Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez, funds were allocated during the FY 2019-20 budget planning sessions for the County’s Environmental Services Department to go out for bid, select a vendor and site.

“The safety of my constituents is my number one priority,” stated Commissioner Rodriguez. “Whether it is supporting increased law enforcement efforts, such as the new Southwest Sheriff Substation, or ensuring that the air they are breathing is clean, Precinct 1 residents will always have my full support to ensure that they and their families will have a safe place to live.”

At the cost of \$18,000, Alamo Transport prepared the site at 2600 Red Hill Lane in two weeks, which including providing electrical work to power the equipment. This new monitoring site is now operational and will collect local air sampling data to check for any possible contaminants.

Commissioner Rodriguez led a committee which included the Bexar County Fire Marshal’s Office, area fire chiefs, TCEQ air quality experts and Environmental Services to determine the proper type of monitor to be installed that could collect the data needed.

Residents and the public can access the data gathered by the air quality monitor here:

https://www17.tceq.texas.gov/tamis/index.cfm?fuseaction=report.view_site&CAMS=1091.

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