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ADEM Completes Installation of Air Monitor in Mobile *Station at Seals Park will collect data in response to concerns about dust*

MOBILE – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has completed installation of an air monitoring station at the James Seals Jr. Park and Recreation Center in Mobile, and the station will begin collecting air data on Saturday, July 1.

The station was installed after area residents requested air monitoring due to concerns about dust. ADEM announced in March that it had reached an agreement with the City of Mobile and chose the park for the station. The site, at 540 Texas St., is in a high-use, urban recreational area, and is surrounded by terrain that is relatively flat.

“The data we collect will provide valuable information for residents about whether dust is impacting air quality in the area,” said Ron Gore, chief of ADEM’s Air Division.

The station will monitor for particulate matter of 10 micrometers (PM 10) or less – particles small enough to be of concern to human health.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provided \$140,000 for the air monitoring station. The funding covered equipment purchases, preparation of the site, and installation of the equipment. Resources for routine operation of the monitor are provided by ADEM.

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