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Air District puts Cupertino air monitoring data online

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announces air monitoring data from the new Cupertino monitoring station is available on the agency’s website, at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Technical-Services/Special-Projects/Cupertino.aspx>.

This is the first month of data since the station was activated on September 1, 2010.

“In response to the local air quality concerns of Cupertino residents, all data from our Cupertino monitoring station is now available online,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Air quality measurements at the Cupertino monitoring station are no different than what we see at other monitoring stations throughout the region.”

The temporary air monitoring station, one mile east of the Lehigh Cement Plant in Cupertino, will provide a one-year air monitoring study of air quality in the community. The study will determine if elevated levels of pollution near the cement plant are not being captured by other permanent air monitoring stations in the Bay Area.

Cupertino residents have expressed concern about the potential air quality impacts of the local Lehigh Cement Plant, and its associated diesel truck traffic. The new air monitoring station is now measuring the types of air pollutants that would be emitted by Lehigh and its associated transportation activities.

These pollutants include ozone, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, nitrogen oxide, nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide. Hourly averages* for these pollutants can be viewed and compared with other locations on the Air District’s web site. Visit www.baaqmd.gov, scroll over the “Know” portal, and select “Real Time Air Quality Data.” Then select “Cupertino” on the list of air monitoring stations under “Santa Clara Valley.”

In addition, 24-hour samples of ambient air are collected on a set schedule and analyzed for toxic gases and metals. A running summary of this toxics and metals data* is also available for viewing on the Air District’s website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Technical-Services/Special-Projects/Cupertino.aspx>. Data has shown that concentrations of toxic gases and metals have been measured in amounts that are characteristic for the region.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. For more information, visit www.baaqmd.gov.

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**Some data are preliminary and may change as final data quality measures are performed to ensure accuracy.*
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