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## **SENATOR WENDY DAVIS APPLAUDS PLACEMENT OF FOUR NEW AIR MONITORS IN THE BARNETT SHALE**

AUSTIN, TX – Senator Wendy Davis, who has called for increased air monitoring in the Barnett Shale arena since taking office in 2009, welcomes the addition of four new air monitors that will be administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) with the help of the University of Texas at Arlington.

Davis, who supports responsible drilling and the positive impacts that drilling for natural gas have brought to the local economy, has worked with TCEQ to increase air monitoring and enforcement in the Barnett Shale arena.

In March, Davis called on TCEQ to increase air monitors in the Barnett Shale, conduct a comprehensive inventory of gas drilling equipment and modeling of emissions, add of inspectors, and to change rules on standard permits. In August, Davis asked that an objective oversight, specifically UTA, for purposes of interpreting and analyzing results from the new air monitors.

"I am pleased that TCEQ is partnering with UTA to provide reliable, unbiased data that is vital to the health and safety of our families living in the Barnett Shale arena," she said. "We all deserve to know that the air we are breathing is safe."

Davis said that TCEQ, which has worked hard in the past year to increase air monitoring in the Barnett Shale arena. She said the agency has been challenged by the rapid growth of the industry and that it is moving toward catching up with appropriate measures to monitor environmental concerns.

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