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Atmosphere Haze/Odor Caused by Gulf Coast Controlled Burn

New Braunfels, TX – The haze and odor in the atmosphere in New Braunfels this evening of June 15th is being caused by a controlled burn adjacent to Matagorda Bay on the Texas Gulf Coast at the Matagorda Island Wildlife Management Area.

The approximately 4,000 acre controlled fire releases heat and particles into the atmosphere which rise and are carried far away from the origin of the fire – in this case approximately 130 miles. As the atmosphere cools, the particles then drop towards the ground wherever the wind has carried them, causing the atmospheric haze and odor being experienced in our area.

Our Fire Department officials are monitoring the situation and there is no need for concern.

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