

HEALTH EFFECTS OF RESIDENTS LIVING NEAR RONALDSON FIELD LANDFILL SITE

Councilwoman Chauna Banks is seeking people that live, work, play, worship, or make frequent visits within 10 miles of the Ronaldson Field landfill. Please attend a community meeting on Thursday, September 27th @ 6 p.m., Alsen BREC Recreation Center, 601 Old Rafe Meyer Rd, Baton Rouge, LA.

Decades of research validate increases in risk of adverse health effects (low birth weight, birth defects, certain types of cancers) have been reported near individual landfill sites and in some multisite studies, and although biases and confounding factors cannot be excluded as explanations for these findings, they may indicate real risks associated with residence near certain landfill sites.

An increased prevalence of self-reported health symptoms such as fatigue, sleepiness, and headaches among residents near waste sites has consistently been reported. The most common diagnoses are cardiovascular, respiratory, and cancerous.

Please bring personal data on adults and children (both alive and deceased) to include: age, race, sex, date of diagnosis or self-report, miles from Ronaldson Field landfill.

For more information or if you are unable to attend the meeting, submit to Beverly Stewart at (225) 389-8331 or email blstewart@brla.gov.

The meeting is open to the general public.