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ADEM Issues Proposed Administrative Order For ALDOT Highway 98 Project

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has proposed the issuance of an Administrative Order to the Alabama Department of Transportation for violations of environmental regulations during construction activities associated with its Highway 98 Project in Mobile County. The violations at the approximately 200 acre site were documented during inspection activities that occurred in September, October, and November of 2007.

The proposed Administrative Order contains a chronology of inspection activities and the resulting violations that have been documented by ADEM. Two of the major components of the proposed Administrative Order provide for the removal of sediment, and other pollutants, that have been deposited offsite along with the assessment of a \$75,000 civil penalty.

According to ADEM Director Trey Glenn, “The Department is committed to protecting Alabama’s natural resources through our permitting, inspection, and enforcement activities. ADEM inspectors are in the field on a daily basis to document the compliance status of businesses and industries that operate under our environmental permits. We will ensure that businesses, industries, and even governmental agencies are held accountable for their actions when noncompliance activities are documented.”

At this time, the issuance of the Administrative Order is only proposed and ADEM has announced a public comment period in order to accept public comments on this proposed action. The public comment period will begin today and comments will be accepted through the close of business on February 1, 2008.

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