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## **ADEM Conference Promotes Water Quality Improvements**

**MONTGOMERY** – More than 200 environmental engineers, biologists, geologists, municipal leaders, and water quality specialists took part in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference, Jan. 30 at Montgomery’s Embassy Suites and Conference Center.

The conference offered attendees a variety of updates on efforts supported by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to achieve water quality improvements. It focused on a variety of projects such as stream restoration, effective best management practices, education and outreach efforts, and the development of watershed management plans that enable citizens and stakeholders to play an active role in protecting water quality.

“Reducing nonpoint source pollution begins with every Alabamian doing the small things that produce a cumulative benefit to our state’s water resources,” said ADEM Director, Trey Glenn.

Organizations and agencies participating in the conference included the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, Alabama Forestry Commission, Auburn University, and the Alabama Clean Water Partnership.

Nonpoint source pollution is a major cause of water quality impairment across the nation. It occurs when storm water runoff from construction, agricultural or residential activities displace sediment and chemicals that subsequently move into waterways. For more information on ADEM’s efforts to reduce and prevent non-point source pollution, visit [www.adem.alabama.gov](http://www.adem.alabama.gov).

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