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ADEM Completes Lee County Scrap Tire Clean Up

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management, through the efforts of its Scrap Tire Program, has completed the clean up of an illegal scrap tire dump site in Lee County. Approximately 1,500 scrap tires were removed from the site and disposed of properly.

Runoff from scrap tire fires can contaminate groundwater and surface water resources. In addition, scrap tires provide breeding habitat for mosquitoes capable of carrying diseases such as West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

The site, located just off Highway 169 in Salem, contained scrap tires that were put there by someone other than the innocent landowner. The site was assessed and prioritized according to set criteria and is one of many such smaller sites targeted for clean up. ADEM utilized state bidding/contracting procedures to hire a contractor to remove the scrap tires and the site was completely remediated during a two week process at a cost of \$37,500.

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The project was made possible by funding through the Alabama Scrap Tire Fund which is supported by the \$1-per-tire Scrap Tire Environmental Fee that is paid by consumers who make retail purchases of new, used, or re-treaded tires.

“We are pleased to announce the clean up of this potential hazard to human health and the environment and look forward to the completion of additional projects in the future,” said ADEM Director Trey Glenn. “The Scrap Tire Program provides benefits that are readily apparent and works to turn potential waste material into useful alternative fuel sources and products,” added Glenn, referring to the program’s success in encouraging the recycling and reuse of scrap tire materials.

The ADEM Scrap Tire Program was established with the passage of the Alabama Scrap Tire Environmental Quality Act. Responsibilities under the program include the assessment and contractual clean up of scrap tire sites through enforcement means or, in cases of innocent landowner determinations, through the Alabama Scrap Tire Fund. Program staff also issue registrations, permits, and inspect scrap tire generators, scrap tire retailers, transporters, processors and end-users.

For more information on ADEM’s Scrap Tire Program, please visit www.adem.alabama.gov or call 334-271-7700.

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