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## **ADEM Announces First in Series of Public Meetings Concerning Solid Waste Study**

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has announced the scheduling of the first in a series of public meetings to be held throughout the State focusing on the management of solid waste. The first meeting will take place on Friday, June 29 at 3:00 and will be held at the Old Alabama Town Reception Center located at 301 Columbus Street in Montgomery.

In order to ensure an independent, unbiased perspective on the current state of Alabama’s solid waste management procedures, ADEM is working with Auburn University to facilitate the meetings and compile the public input into a final report. Once completed, later this year, the final report along with any needed program enhancements will be presented to ADEM and the Alabama Legislature.

In its 2011 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature directed ADEM to evaluate the current solid waste management procedures in Alabama, including the requirements for permitting new, solid waste landfills. The Legislature also imposed a 24-month moratorium on the issuance of permits to certain new landfills. Earlier this year the Legislature passed a one-year extension of this moratorium that will run through May 2014.

“This project is another example of ADEM seeking meaningful public involvement from the citizens of Alabama regarding the implementation of its programs,” said ADEM Director Lance LeFleur. “ADEM is constantly seeking ways to improve Alabama’s environment and these public meetings and solid waste study provide another opportunity to continue that effort.”

As part of its study efforts Auburn has established a project website ([www.eng.auburn.edu/asws/](http://www.eng.auburn.edu/asws/)) to provide pertinent information to interested parties.

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