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## **ADEM Investigates Fuel Release in Pelham-Helena Area**

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is investigating a possible fuel pipeline leak in the Pelham-Helena area of Shelby County. ADEM Emergency Response personnel was dispatched to the area after a fuel sheen was spotted Thursday afternoon on Buck Creek near the Pelham Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Boom has been deployed to contain the release and contractors are on the scene. The source of the release is still being investigated. Pipeline operator Kinder Morgan has voluntarily shutdown their pipeline in the area and is working with ADEM and other officials to determine the cause and extent of the release.

An incident command center has been set up in Pelham to address any environmental impacts. There are no drinking water intakes immediately downstream from this release.

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