Minutes

Environmental Management Commission Meeting
Alabama Department of Environmental Management Building
1400 Coliseum Boulevard
Montgomery, Alabama 36110-2400
February 20, 2015

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W. Scott Phillips

Vice Chair

Alabama Environmental Management Commission

Certified this 17th day of April 2015.

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1	* * * * * *	1	CHAIRMAN BROWN: Good morning.
2			Call the meeting February 20, 2015
3			meeting of the Environmental Management
4	ALABAMA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT		Commission for the State of Alabama to
5	COMMISSION MEETING		order. Acknowledge that we have a
6		6	quorum, barely.
7		7	Good morning. I apologize for being
8	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	8	late. First on the agenda is
9	Alabama Room 1400 Coliseum Boulevard		consideration of the minutes of the
10	Montgomery, Alabama 36110-2400		December 12, 2014 meeting. And I'll
11			entertain a motion.
12	FEBRUARY 20, 2015 11:00 a.m.	12	VICE CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS: Move we
13	,	13	accept the minutes as written.
14		14	DR. LAIER: Second.
15	* * * * * *	15	CHAIRMAN BROWN: All in favor?
16		16	(Unanimous.)
17		17	CHAIRMAN BROWN: Next on the item
18		18	is our customary report from the
19			Director. Good morning, sir.
20	Taken by: Bridgette W. Mitchell,	20	MR. LeFLEUR: Good morning,
21	ACCR 231		Mr. Chairman. Good morning members of
22			the Commission. And good morning to all
23		23	of you welcome and welcome to all of
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1	* * * * * *	1	you present for the third scheduled
2	APPEARANCES		meeting of the Alabama Environmental
3			Management Commission for fiscal year
4	COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:		2015 and the first AEMC meeting of
5	H. Lanier Brown, II, Esquire, Chair		calendar year 2015.
6	W. Scott Phillips, Vice Chair	6	Today's report will update you on
7	James E. Laier, Ph.D., P.E.	7	the operating budget and, this being the
8	Mary J. Merritt	8	first meeting of the calendar year, the
9	CONTRACTOR NUMBER NOT THE		remainder of my report will focus on an
10	COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:	ı	in-depth update on the Department's
12	Samuel L. Miller, M.D.	11	annual operating plan.
13	Terry D. Richardson, Ph.D.	12	We are currently in the second
14	Robert L. Carson, Jr., D.V.M.		quarter of the fiscal year budget cycle,
15			fiscal year 2015 budget cycle. At this
16	ALSO PRESENT:		point, the Department, with our general
17			fund appropriation, federal grants, and
18	Robert Tambling, EMC Legal Counsel Lance R. LeFleur, ADEM Director		other generated revenue is able to meet
19	Debi Thomas, EMC Executive		all of our financial obligations.
20	Assistant	19	As reported in the December
21	veeterant		Commission meeting, in our FY 2016 budget
22			request to the Department of Finance, the
23			Department requested an increase of
-0		43	approximately \$1.3 million in general

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1	funds for emergency response and to cover		1	category includes the suite of Compliance	
2	costs passed down to the Department from		2	Methods which, as the name suggests, is	
3	the State. The Legislative Session will		3	designed to obtain compliance with permit	
4	begin on March 3rd, and although it will			conditions. This group is comprised of	
5	be difficult in the current atmosphere of			compliance assistance, inspections, and	
	restricted budgets and growing statewide			enforcement.	
	deficits, we will continue to work		7	Following a discussion of the tools	
	closely with the Governor's office and		8	employed, we will look at what results	
	the Legislature to first maintain our			have been achieved to date in each	
	FY 2015 funding level and then to seek		10	program as a result of the Department's	
11	this additional funding.			efforts, beginning first with Regulatory	
12	Jest and a company			Control tools. The regulatory process	
	operating plan designed to ultimately		13	involves two steps: the adoption of the	
	achieve the five-year goals set out in		14	necessary regulatory framework, which is	
15	8-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1			often driven by federal regulations, and	
1	adopted by both the Commission and the		1	then the development of permits	1
17	1 Separation			T Burney Hamework.	
	also develops detailed work plans for the			There is considerable discussion	
	air, water, and land media with EPA, and		19	currently about both the pace and scope	
	those work plans are then incorporated as			of federal demands in the regulatory	
	part of the Department's annual operating			area. The Department does not subscribe	
	plan. The Departmental Operating Plan			to the theory that more regulation is	
23	sets out specific actions to be taken		23	always better. However, in order to	
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1	that will result in measurable		1	maintain its primacy, ADEM must adopt	
2	environmental improvements.			regulations as needed to meet changing	
3	Today, my remarks will focus on			federal mandates.	
4	first on the tools used to execute the		4	Over the last two years, 15 new	
	plan and then on the measurable		5	regulatory updates have been adopted by	
	environmental results. This slide is a			the Commission at the request of the	
1	representation of what will be discussed		7	Department. This slide illustrates the	
1	today. Breaking it down on this second		8	types of regulations that have come	
9	slide, the tools can be grouped into		9	before the Commission for adoption. As	
10	three categories; namely, Regulatory			you can see, the majority of the changes	
11	Control, Education and Outreach, and			have been in the air and water programs.	
12	Compliance Methods.			Unlike other media, RCRA regulations are	
13	The first category of tools,			updated on an annual basis. In fact, the	
	Regulatory Control, involves the			annual update for this past year is on	
15	development of required regulations and			the agenda for your consideration today.	
16	the issuance of permits. Next is			Once the regulatory framework is in	
17	Education and Outreach to citizens and	1		place, permits are issued with the	
18	the regulated communities designed to	1		appropriate conditions and limits.	
19	improve understanding of and compliance		19	This slide demonstrates the number	
20	with those regulatory controls. Education and Outreach can take the form			of permits, registrations, and	
1	of educational conferences, workgroups,	1		certifications issued or reissued for	
	and electronic applications. The third			each year since 2008. As you can see, with approximately 10,000 permit actions	
	applications. The unit		43	with approximately 10,000 permit actions	

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	each year, this is a major Departmental		1	people, the Department seeks to improve	
2	activity. The fluctuation from year to			actual compliance as well as	
	year is due in large part to the renewal		1	transparency.	
4	cycle of various permits. For example,		4		
5	the NPDES General Permits are on a five-		5	area of media-specific educational	2
	year cycle. Variation can also reflect			conferences is the 26th Annual Nonpoint	
	the level of economic activity in our			Source Conference which was held on	
	state. For example, as economic activity		8	January 15, 2015. Participants learn	
	increases, the number of new homes being			about ways to address nonpoint source	
	built increases and, therefore, the		10	pollution and share success stories. The	
1	number of construction storm water			319 Nonpoint Source Program is an	
12	permits being issued increases.		12	important effort to improve water quality	
13	entegory of tools is		13	through an educational, nonregulatory	
14	referred to as Education and Outreach.		14	initiative. Participation in the 319	
15	p-sys a stant rote in demesting			program is voluntary, so to have more	
16	P			than 300 participants attend the	
17	9		17	Julia it speaks	
18	S		18	to the quality of that conference. It is	
19	general public at every opportunity, the			encouraging that nearly 20 percent of the	
20	1			attendees are first-time participants,	
	what the regulations are and how they can			which shows that interest continues to	
	best comply. The better informed		22	grow.	
23	stakeholders are, the more likely they		23	Over the last several years, I have	
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1	are to aid our efforts to protect public		1	come to you before you and discussed	
2	health and the environment.		i .	the e-government tools available to all	
3	Media-specific educational			Alabamians, including e-complaint,	-
4	conferences are held annually to update	2		e-file, e-NOI, e-SSO, e-DWR, AEERS, and	
5	interested individuals on the status of			e-DMR. Today, I will highlight just one	
6	regulatory changes and to share success			of those efforts, electronic Discharge	
	stories, thus providing both information			Monitoring Reporting, or e-DMRs.	
	and encouragement.		8	This chart displays the number of	
9	We continue our program of formal		9	permittees by category now utilizing the	
10	meetings with industry and environmental			e-DMR system. For example, 2,055 general	
	stakeholder groups in addition to			permit holders, shown in yellow, are now	
12	informal meetings at the request of any			submitting electronically.	
13	party.		13	As of our last reporting period	
14	The Department continues to expand		14	ending January 28th, 76 percent of all	
15	its use of e-government applications.			permittees with water discharges are now	
16			16	using the e-DMR system; 90 percent of the	
	educate and make the process of			industrial facilities are in e-DMR; and	
	compliance, or in some cases make			88 percent of the municipal facilities	
19	reporting noncompliance, as user-friendly			are participating with more to come.	
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20	as possible.			Even those industry segments with	
20 21	as possible. By making the process of		21	uniquely complicated reporting challenges	
20 21 22	as possible. By making the process of environmental compliance as accessible as		21 22	uniquely complicated reporting challenges such as mining and underground injection	
20 21 22	as possible. By making the process of		21 22	uniquely complicated reporting challenges	

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	1	increased electronic reporting		١,	like having an inspector show up	
		utilization. Electronic reporting is		2	1 41 44	
		extremely important in achieving our key		3		
	4	goals of compliance, efficiency, and			Department conducted more than 25,000	
	5				inspections and observations in 2014 and	
	6	reporting regularly on the Department's		6	has maintained approximately the same	
		progress for converting DMR reporting		7	level of inspections over the past	
	8				several years.	
	9	TTI C .		9		
	10	by the Department is designed to achieve			Inspections, the third most effective	
	11	compliance and includes Compliance			means of achieving compliance is	
		Assistance, Inspections, and Enforcement.		12	enforcement. At a number of the past	
	13	Research has shown that these three		13	Commission meetings, I have updated you	
	14	activities are the most effective means			on the Department's enforcement actions	
	15	of obtaining compliance.			using EPA's dashboards. In an effort not	
	16	By way of example, this next slide			to repeat too much information previously	
	17	highlights a Compliance Assistance			presented, I have chosen a single	
		program very recently undertaken in			dashboard in each of the three media to	-
	19	Alabama's low income and minority			summarize enforcement.	
	20	communities, which are sometimes referred		20	The charts on this slide show both	
		to as Environmental Justice or simply EJ		21	formal and informal enforcement actions	
	22	communities. Aboveground petroleum			taken by the Department and EPA. In the	
	23	storage tanks can be a source of			air and hazardous waste charts, at the	
					,	
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	1	groundwater contamination when		1	top of the slide, the light blue bar	
	2	underground piping or the tanks			represents the informal actions while the	
	3	themselves leak. Several recent			yellow bar represents formal actions. In	
	4	incidents have occurred in disadvantaged			the water chart at the bottom of the	
	5	communities that have resulted in costly			slide, informal actions are represented	
	6	cleanups that could have been avoided.			by the orange column and formal actions	
	7	This new compliance assistance program		7	are represented in blue. Why EPA decided	
	8	has targeted 92 communities where ADEM			to switch the color code, I don't know.	
		personnel will provide on-site assistance		9	As you can see, in recent years, the	7 12
		in developing both preventative and		10	number of informal enforcement actions in	
		quick-response plans to deal with			each of the three charts far exceeds the	
		potential problems. The objective is to		12	number of formal actions. As I have said	
		administer that important ounce of		13	on a number of occasions, if informal	
		prevention and avoid the costly cure that		14	action, such as a notice of violation,	
	15	these communities can ill-afford to pay.		15	returns a facility to compliance, then an	
	16	Compliance assistance is one of the		16	administrative order or litigation	
		two most effective means to obtain		17	becomes unnecessary. It is far more	
		compliance. The other most effective			efficient in terms of time and resources	
		method or tool to obtain compliance is			to gain compliance through informal	
		facility inspections and observations.			action. The violation has ended and,	
		Inspections can serve as education,			where appropriate, remediated in the	
		compliance assistance, or an initial step			shortest time in the shortest possible	
- 1	23	toward enforcement. There is nothing		23	time with the least expenditure of	
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:	resources. There are obvious		1	pollutant impairments.	
1	environmental benefits from the quick		2	You will note a significant increase	
	resolution. The Department is also able		3	in waterbody-pollutant delistings over	
	to use its scarce resources to cover more			the last several 303(d) two-year cycles,	
!	facilities or preserve those scarce			culminating with 40 waterbody-pollutants	
1	resources to use in enforcement actions			meeting the criteria for being removed	
7	against those bad actors that willfully			from the 303(d) list in 2014. This is	
8	or negligently refuse to end and/or			the type of observable impact that we	
9	remediate the environmental harm done by			seek to achieve in all of our compliance	
10	their action or inaction.			and enforcement efforts.	
11	We have looked at how the regulatory		11	Turning now to Unauthorized Solid	
12	framework is developed, how the regulated		12	Waste Dumps. The Department maintains a	
13	community and others are engaged and		13	program funded by the Solid Waste Fund to	
14	educated, and how compliance is pursued.		14	remediate illegal solid waste disposal	
15	Now, we will look at the results of those			sites where no responsible party can be	
16	efforts in the various media.			identified. Since its inception in 2009,	
17	We'll start with air-quality		17	this program has been responsible for the	
18	results. In the 1970s, Alabama had 15		18	removal of more than 48,000 tons of solid	
	areas that did not meet air-quality			waste from 415 sites across the state.	
	standards for ozone, fine particles, SO2,		20	An additional 1,073 sites have been	
4	and lead. Today, that number has been		21	identified and addressed through	
	reduced to one small site less than one		22	enforcement actions against responsible	
23	mile in diameter surrounding a lead		23	parties.	
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1	smelter. A plan to reduce lead emissions		1	Similarly, the Department maintains	
2	is in place in that area. Current		2	the Scrap Tire Remediation Program funded	
	ambient readings show that if such		3	by the Scrap Tire Fund to remediate	
	readings are maintained, the facility is		4	illegal tire disposal sites. Scrap tire	
1	on a path that will allow an attainment		5	cleanup is accomplished by both direct	
6	designation in due course.		6	Departmental action and, recently, by	
7			7	actions in partnership with individual	
1	meeting, the entire state is in			counties around the state. Direct	
1	attainment for ozone, for fine particle,			actions have resulted in the remediation	
1	and SO2 air-quality standards for the			of 126 sites containing more than eight	
1	first time since the Clean Air Act became			million scrap tires. The quality of life	
12				for Alabama citizens has been improved by	
13	This graph shows the dramatic		13	reduced vector populations and reduced	
1				fire hazard.	
15	improvement in ozone that resulted in		14		
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	1 illegal waste and a potential hazard from		1	milestones. It should be noted that this	
	2 our roadways. To date, 48 counties are		1	work on the national baseline sites is in	
	3 participating in this program and more		1	addition to that conducted by the	
	4 than 400,000 scrap tires have been		1	Department on nonbaseline facilities,	
	5 successfully remediated.			including major remediation sites such as	
	6 Moving on to the hazardous waste			Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville.	
	7 arena, the Department has a fully-		7	The final area of results the	
	8 authorized RCRA program through which		1	Department has achieved a significant	
	9 hazardous waste management permits are			where the Department has achieved	
1	.o issued, inspections are conducted at			significant environmental improvements is	
	1 regulated sites, and appropriate			its Underground Storage Tank, or UST	
	2 enforcement actions are taken to ensure			Corrective Action Program. To date, the	
	3 compliance.			UST program has issued No Further Action	
1	4 In 2009, EPA established corrective-			letters on 3,700 of the releases, shown	
1	5 action goals with a 2020 Corrective		1	in light blue, or 75 percent of the 4900	
	6 Action Baseline. That baseline includes			UST releases identified. The	
1	7 3,779 facilities nationally and currently		1	remaining of the remaining sites, 657,	
1	8 includes 71 facilities in Alabama. In			shown in dark blue, are working under an	
1	9 measuring progress towards these RCRA			authorized corrective-action plan. To	
	o Corrective Action Goals, EPA focuses on			put this in perspective, it should also	
	1 seven milestones, shown on this slide, in			be noted that during FY 2014, there were	
	2 the remediation of a corrective-action			only 68 new releases identified.	
2	3 site. The level of achievement of each		23	To summarize, the Department's	
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	1 of these milestones at baseline		1	Annual Operating Plan incorporates to	
	2 facilities forms the foundation for EPA's			summarize, the Department's Annual	
	3 oversight of authorized state corrective			Operating Plan incorporates the goals set	
	4 action programs and its national			in the Unified Strategic Plan as well as	
	5 reporting of results to Congress.			the annual work plans negotiated with	
	6 Time clearly would not allow us to		6	EPA. A variety of tools are utilized in	
	7 show the progress on each of these seven		7	executing the plan. The results show	
	8 milestones, so Remedies Constructed, one			significant measurable improvements to	
	9 of the key milestones, has been selected			the environment and the lives of	
	o as a representative indicator for all		10	Alabamians.	
	1 milestones. This slide depicts the	- 1	11	The Annual Operating Plan is in	
	2 Department's steady progress, shown in			keeping with the Department's mission to	
1	blue, toward the construction of onsite			assure for all citizens of the state a	
1	4 wide of sitewide remedies for the	1		safe, healthful, and productive	
1	5 baseline corrective-action sites. In	I		environment.	
1	6 2011, the Department attained the 2015	1	16	Once again, let me close with my	
1	7 objective set by EPA. By year end 2014,			thanks to you for serving the State of	
	the Department had put in place remedies at 76 percent of the 71 baseline	1		Alabama as commissioners on the	.
	o facilities in Alabama, which far exceeds			Environmental Management Commission and	1
	the 2015 objective of 60 percent, shown			for allowing me to serve the state in this capacity.	
	2 in red, set by EPA. Similar progress can		21	If there are any questions, I'd be	
	be noted for each of the remaining			pleased to address them.	
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	CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you,	1	maintain this equivalency.
	2 Mr. Director. Do any of the	2	
	3 Commissioners have any questions or		proposing to do the following: adopt
	4 comments?		revisions to federal rules addressing the
	(No response.)		exportation of cathode ray tubes,
	CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you.		adopting new rules addressing solvent-
1 7	MR. LeFLEUR: Thank you.		contaminated wipes, make minor revisions
8	CHAIRMAN BROWN: Next on the		to update existing requirements, and to
9	agenda is a report from the Commission		correct any typographical and formatting
10			errors.
11	Commission, like to acknowledge and	11	Public notice of these proposed
	welcome Representative Robinson for		annual revisions began on October 26,
13			2014, and a public hearing was held on
	here and being interested in the work		December the 10th, 2014. Three written
15			comments were received during comment
16			period. Copies of the comments, along
17			with the Department's reconciliation of
18	2		them, should be in your packets. There
19	***		was no one in attendance at the public
20	THE COLUMN TO TH	1	hearing.
21	you, Mr. Chairman. We don't really have	21	On January 21st of this year, the
	a report as such, but we do have a work	22	State Board of Public Health concurred
	session this afternoon at one o'clock.		with the Department's recommendation to
			was the Department's recommendation to
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1	So after that, we'll be able to report	,	
2	back to the Commission.		adopt these rules as proposed. At this
3	CITATED CARE DE CARE DE LA CARE D		time, the Department requests that the
1	on the agenda is consideration of the		Commission adopt these rules as recommended.
	adoption of proposed amendments to ADEM	5	
1	Administrative Code 335-14, Hazardous		I'm glad to answer any questions you may have.
1	Waste Regulations. And we'll call on the	7	VICE CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS: I move
8			we accept the recommendation of the
9	A CD CCD C CCCC DOT		Department.
1	Mr. Chairman. Good morning,	10	MS. MERRITT: I second.
1	Commissioners. I'm Chip Crockett, Chief	11	CHAIRMAN BROWN: All in favor.
	of the Industrial Hazardous Waste Branch	12	(Unanimous.)
1	of the Land Division.	13	CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you. Next
14			on the agenda is Marshall Durbin
1	that its hazardous waste regulations		Companies of Jasper versus ADEM. The
	remain equivalent to the U.S.		request for a hearing has been withdrawn,
1	Environmental Protection Agency		so we will move on to other business.
	regulations in order to retain its fully-	18	Do any of the Commissioners have any
	authorized status. As the Director		other business they would like to address
1	mentioned earlier, the proposed revisions		at this time?
1	to Division 14 of the ADEM Administrative	21	(No response.)
l	Code before you today are the result of	22	CHAIRMAN BROWN: The Commission
1	the Department's annual efforts to		or the Chair notes that the next meeting

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:	is April 17, 2015, at 11 a.m. in this	1	Environmental Protection Agency to have	
	room. I understand all Commissioners are		the City of Tarrant and Inglenook	
1	currently available to be here.		neighborhood designated as Superfund	
	Moving on to the public-comment		sites. And both of these locations were	
	s period, we have a request from State	1	in my legislative district, and I have	
	Representative Oliver L. Robinson, Jr. on	1	been called by constituents to have	
	behalf of concerned citizens working and		questions answered and to understand	
	residing in north Birmingham regarding		better the process of them becoming	*
1 -	the proposed addition of the 35th Avenue		being on the Superfund site. That led	
1	site in north Birmingham to the EPA's		me, as the vice chairman of the Jefferson	
	National Priority List and the impacts		County House delegation, to do some	
12			research on the Superfund designations	
13	The Chair recommends that the		and the NPL listings and to look at the	
14			North Birmingham 35th Avenue area	
15	7		location with some fervor.	
16		16	And I've had an opportunity to meet	
17			with the EPA and the GASP organization	
	moved.		who are involved in this process, but I	
19			have yet to see any information that	
20		20	shows me that this area should be	
21	~~		designated as a Superfund site, not to	
22	CTT I TRACTICAL CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR OF		mention being put on the NPL listing.	
23	will have Mitch Reid on behalf of the		And maybe I can get some of those answers	
			ger series of these units were	
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1	Alabama Rivers Alliance speak on the	1	from this body or or ADEM.	
	subject of Coal Ash Regulation and the	2	I'm really here today to try to	
4	recently released federal regulations on		protect the residents of north	
	that issue. The Chair recommends we		Birmingham. To date, after meeting with	
1	consider granting the request for comment		everybody, there's been no reports	
1	and will entertain a motion.		produced to me or for me by the EPA	
7	VICE CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS: So move.		that's available to the public that	
8	DR. LAIER: Second.		accurately states who is responsible for	
9	CHAIRMAN BROWN: All in favor.		that contamination. And one company	
10	(Unanimous.)		Walter Coke in the area has accepted	
11	CHAIRMAN BROWN: To		responsibility for what they have the	
12	Representative Robinson and Mr. Reid, as		part that they have contaminated. But	
13	you know, we prefer that you limit your		the thing that gets me and what is in the	
	comments to ten minutes. And we will		process of hurting the residents in that	
15	hear from Representative Robinson first,		area is that the EPA has included five	
16	if that's okay.		other corporations in on this process,	, .
17	REPRESENTATIVE ROBINSON: Thank		but there has been no reports stating	
18	you very much, Mr. Chairman and members		that these individuals are culpable in	
19	of the Commission. I promise you I'll		any way. And where that hurts the	
	keep it under ten.		residents is the fact that we will have	
21	I'm here today because of the 35th		decades of litigation that will occur	
22	Avenue North Superfund Site. And there		because of these five individual	
23	have been petitions provided to the	23	companies being added to Walter Coke.	

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1	And that is where it all begins for		1	if you're put on that listing, then where
2	the residents, because at that point, I		2	you live is considered a dump and nothing
	can tell you from the responses that I've			can happen there until it's either
4	been getting is that, number one, their			cleaned up and after that, it will take
	property values have plummeted. And in			tremendous investment to get it to move
	doing so, we've had a couple of or		6	
	more to go to our tax assessor's		7	
	office in Jefferson County and ask			Mr. Chairman and members, my request here
	whether their tax burdens can be reduced		9	today is if ADEM has the ability or if
	because of the Superfund's site			there are any reports out there that
	designation and the the decline in			that they can share that will help us to
	their property value. And that can't			narrow down who's responsible, then that
	happen and sorry that it can't, but the			will be very helpful for the residents in
	tax assessors cannot do anything to help			my area. And, finally, Mr. Chairman,
	them in any way from that perspective.			if if at all possible, I may have a
16				question or two because you-all know more
17	The thing that we want more than			about this than I do and ever will. But
18				if I could present those questions
19	fingerprint of who actually contaminated			through written format that they will be
20	that area, and we haven't received that			answered for.
21	2 1		21	So that is my statement here today,
22	what is creating this litigation, number			and I thank you-all for giving me the
	one, and the time that it's going to take			opportunity to make those statements.
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2				policy for the state and to review where	
3	100 00000		3	we are as a state, to really give you a	
4	Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Commissioners,		4	background of what we see sort of from	
5	for allowing me to speak this morning on			the Rivers' perspective on coal ash and	
	a topic that's been building up over			then to talk about some of these upcoming	
	time, I guess you could say, the issue of		7	regulations which will come before you.	
	coal ash in Alabama. My name is Mitch		8	mmt I I a	
9	Reid. I'm the program director for the		9	Social Responsibility. The basic message	
	Alabama Rivers Alliance. We are a			here is that coal ash, while it is a	
	grassroots organization of river			necessary waste, if you will it keeps	
	advocates throughout the state. Our			the lights on, certainly it is also	
	mission is to protect the rivers of			full of some bad things that we don't	
	Alabama and to give a voice to citizens			necessarily want in our drinking and	
15	around the state to protect their waters.			swimming waters. We certainly don't want	
16	g and a second		16	it in our underground aquifers either.	
17	1 1 ,		17	The, again, Physicians of Social	
18	e de la company			Responsibility say that coal ash is bad	
19	development of policy in the state is a			for us. It has these toxic materials in	
20	5 1			it. There are a lot of coal-ash sites	
21	We've published our agenda. You've			around this country. In Alabama, we have	
	seen this before. It's the Alabama Water			over 44 coal-ash ponds in the state, and	
23	Agenda. The action items that we look at		23	that's really the topic of my discussion,	
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1	from the Rivers Alliance are enforcements		1	what we're seeing here in Alabama.	
2	of our state laws and development of good		2	You've probably seen some of these	
3	water policy, making sure our agencies		3	pictures before. This is Kingston,	
	are coordinating their actions that			Tennessee. This is what the coal-ash	
5	includes the EPA and ADEM as well as our			pond looked like after a dam broke. This	
6	agencies within the state and then			is what the river looked like when the	
	obviously we're working to make sure that		7	coal ash leaked into the river. It's	
	this agency has the funding and resources			really hard to see this pointer. But	
9	it has to do the job that we ask of it.		9	this is essentially the river channel	
10	I come to you before you today to		10	after the coal-ash pond broke. This is	
1	address the issue of coal ash, first		11	coal ash in Kingston, Tennessee today.	
1	starting with No. 3 on on the EMC's			So the pond, the berms have been rebuilt	
1	sort of reason for being, and that's			and the production of this material	
	development of environmental policy for			continues. So this is a living legacy,	
	the state and also discuss upcoming rules			if you will.	
	and regulations which we'll ask you to		16	Everyone's familiar with Arrowhead	
	consider as part of the rulemaking			The second of the second of the	
	process. And we'll definitely be involved with ADEM in the development of			points that have been made, but suffice	
	involved with ADEM in the development of			it to say that whatever we do with coal	
	the proposals that will come before you. I'll speak a little more about that in a			ash on the rivers is going to impact a	
	minute.			communities downstream of nords as	
23	Objectives of this presentation is,			communities downstream of ponds or communities that live with this dry	
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outside of our states and then the		23	that EPA has been working with lately is	
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:	requirements for the Clean Water Act		1	individual level, you know, we're	
	permits will be tightened down			thankful that the power company is taking	
	s significantly, and that's where this will		3	these actions but we also want to see	
	come before your attention again, because			something at the State level to make sure	
	we'll be looking at an update to the		5	that we have these protections across the	
	water regulations in the state and to			board.	
	make sure that we have those permits.		7	Groundwater monitoring will be	
	Once we get back around to these permits,		1 2	incorporated into this so that we'll know	
	we need to make sure that they that		9	what's coming down into the ground which	
	they are protective of our water, and we		10	has a direct connection to our rivers,	
	certainly need a policy where we don't			especially the ones the impoundments	
	wait multiple permit cycles to get the			that are close to streams. There will be	
	permits issued.			some location restrictions, floodplains,	
14	Storage and disposal. This is a			connection to aquifers, and so that's	
	rule that should be coming out any day			positive. In some cases there will be a	
	now. We understand it will be published			forced closure of ponds that don't meet	
	by the end of September I'm sorry			minimum safety requirements. And I can't	
18	by the end of February. The EPA is going			speak to what individual impoundments in	
	to be regulating coal-ash waste, the			the state will meet those those	
	actual landfills of coal ash under		20	requirements. In some cases, there will	
21	Subtitle D of RCRA, which means that it			be a requirement to close legacy ponds,	
	will be basically a local landfill it			which are those impoundments that are no	
23	won't be listed as a hazardous waste, and			longer receiving ash but have, you know,	-
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1	so it will be within the utilities' and		1	sort of years and years of ash sitting	
2	the State's purview of managing that			there. And the question is how are the	
	under the Subtitle D of RCRA. There's			regulations going to make sure that those	1
4	some beneficial components.		4	are closed safely and then that that ash	
5	, just to se stant,			with all those materials don't come out	
	we were hoping that the regulations would		6	over time.	
	come out under Subtitle C, which would		7	There will be some strong cleanup	
8	have regulated this as a hazardous waste.			requirements if if those closure	
9	and the de the transfer of the			requirements are triggered or if there's	
	despite that, we are encouraged for			an emergency requirement that's	
	Alabama by some of the things that we see			triggered. The cleanup requirements	
12	8			under these new rules will be very	
13	,			strong, and so that's a that's a	
14	, r - 8 ,			positive thing for Alabama. And then the	
1	regulations there will be requirements			public will be notified now when there is	
16	for dam safety inspections. This sort of	- 1		leaks and releases from these, and then	
17	is the iconic picture of what we're			that will also trigger some some	
18	talking about here. And I should say	1		cleanup requirements.	
19	we've spoken with the power company, Alabama Power Company. They have gone	1	19	So these are these are some good	
21	through dam safety inspections and			things for Alabama, but the next step	
	assessments after each of the EPA actions			here is for the EPA to publish those rules and for ADEM to go through the	
1	and after other spills; and so on an	1		rulemaking process and and present you	
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1	with some options so that you can develop	1	(Unanimous.)	
	and promulgate the regulations for the	2	CHAIRMAN BROWN: Adjourned.	
	state.	3	orn manner bleo wit. Augumed.	
4	So as I've said what the next steps	4	(The hearing concluded at	
5	are, we expect EPA to be forthcoming with	5	11:50 a.m., on February 20,	
	the CCR rules, the coal-ash rules for	6	2015.)	
1	landfills, any day now, and September we	7	2013.)	
	expect a rule on the Clean Water Act or	8		
	the discharge; it's called the effluent	9		
	rule. We're asking that you review this			
1	situation. I have I'm at your	10		
1	disposal for any information that we have	11		
1	and collecting information from ADEM to	12		
1	look at what the status of coal ash is in	13		
14		14		
15	Alabama and what these rules can do for	15		
	us. And then we are committed as	16		
17	stakeholders to work with both ADEM and	17		
1	the EMC in the rulemaking process to	18		
	ensure that these regulations will be	19		
	protective of our water and of our	20		
21	citizens.	21		
22	I have just a couple of handouts or	22		
23	just handouts that I'll hand to Debi	23		
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	after the end here. Just basically gives	2	ADD CALLET D CHAILFICKIE	
1	a snapshot of what I just talked about.	3	STATE OF ALABAMA)	
1	And I'll certainly answer any questions	4	ELMORE COUNTY)	
4	that you have.	5		
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9	CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you.	9	by said witness.	
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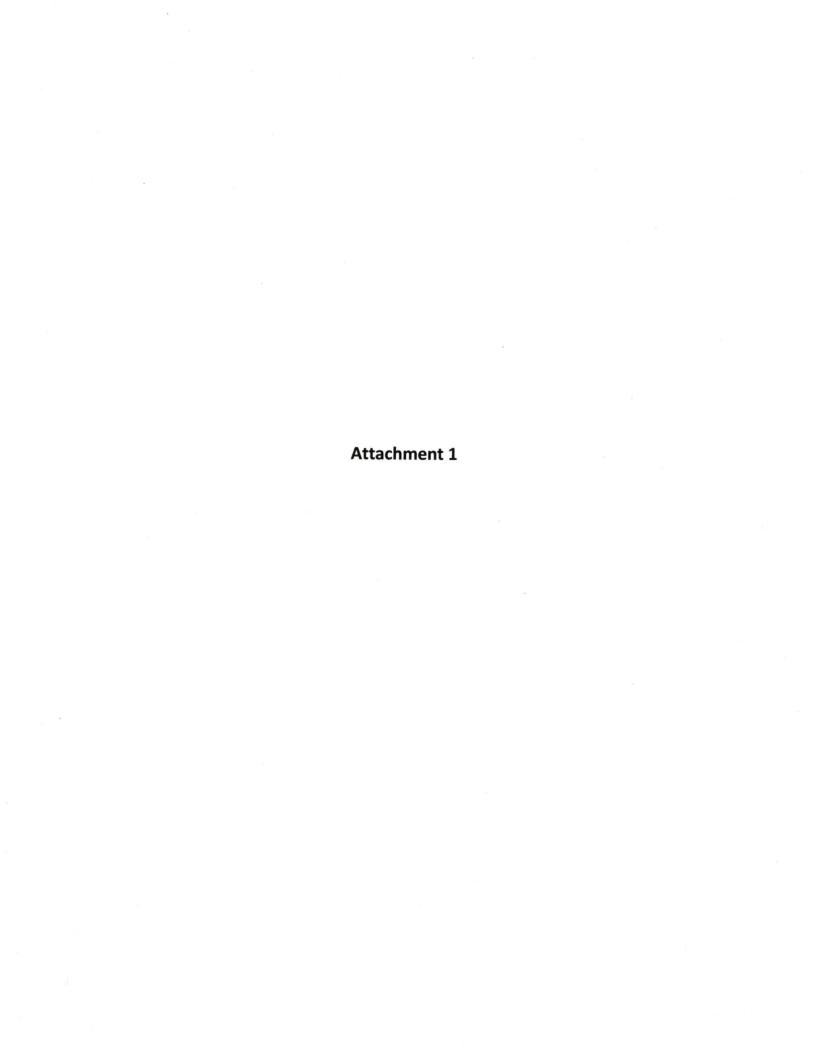
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Division 335-14, Hazardous Waste Program Regulations (The amended regulations are on file with the Commission

meeting records.)
(Agenda Item 5)



AGENDA* MEETING OF THE

ALABAMA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

DATE: February 20, 2015

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Building

Alabama Room (Main Conference Room)

1400 Coliseum Boulevard

Montgomery, Alabama 36110-2400

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- 1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2014
- REPORT FROM THE ADEM DIRECTOR
- REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION CHAIR
- 4. REPORT FROM THE RULEMAKING COMMITTEE
- 5. <u>CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ADEM ADMIN. CODE 335-14, HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM REGULATIONS</u>

The Commission will consider proposed amendments to ADEM Admin. Code 335-14, Hazardous Waste Program Regulations, Rules 335-14-1 to 335-14-3. This proposed rulemaking would incorporate revisions made by EPA in its federal hazardous waste regulations to address the management of solvent-contaminated wipes as well as other routine updates and rules maintenance. The Department held a public hearing on the proposed amendments on December 10, 2014.

6. MARSHALL DURBIN COMPANIES OF JASPER V. ADEM, AND JASPER WATERWORKS AND SEWER BOARD, INTERVENOR, EMC DOCKET NO. 06-06 (NPDES-RELATED MATTER)

The Commission will acknowledge for the record the Petitioner's notice of withdrawal of the request for a hearing in this appeal/request for hearing regarding certain discharge limitations contained in SID Permit No. IU 39 64 00057 issued to Marshall Durbin Companies of Jasper on April 7, 2006.

- OTHER BUSINESS
- 8. FUTURE BUSINESS SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

(The Requests from the public to address the Commission are attached to the agenda.)

Request 1

Mitch Reid, on behalf of the Alabama Rivers Alliance

SUBJECT: Coal ash regulation in Alabama and the recently released federal regulations released by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency on December 19, 2014

(Chair Brown will recommend that the Commission grant the Request. The full Commission will vote on whether or not to grant the Request prior to moving to the Public Comment Period.)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Request 2

State Representative Oliver L. Robinson, Jr., on behalf of the concerned citizens working and residing in North Birmingham

SUBJECT: Proposed addition of the 35th Avenue Site in North Birmingham to EPA's National Priority List (NPL) and the impacts or potential impacts of the NPL designation (Chair Brown will recommend that the Commission grant the Request. The full Commission will vote on whether or not to grant the Request prior to moving to the Public Comment Period.)



January 28, 2015

Alabama Environmental Management Commission P. O. Box 301463 Montgomery, AL 36130-1463

Dear Commissioners.



I respectfully request to present at the February 20th Environmental Management Commission meeting on the subject of coal ash regulation in Alabama and the recently released federal regulations released by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on December 19, 2014.

According to national reports, coal ash, the waste left over from burning coal, is the second largest industrial waste stream in the United States and poses serious threats to our health, air, and drinking water. Coal ash contains arsenic, lead, mercury, chromium, and a range of harmful heavy metals and toxic pollutants that poison the air and drinking water supplies of communities living near coal ash dumpsites.

As you are aware, the 2008 disaster in Tennessee poured a billion gallons of toxic sludge onto farmland and into the Emory and Clinch rivers, which was then transported to Perry County, Alabama and disposed of in a municipal landfill. In the absence of federal regulation and guidelines, the municipal landfill was inadequate for the protection of this already pollution-burdened community.

More recently, a failure along North Carolina's Dan River from a burst stormwater pipe underneath an unlined coal ash pit dumped 140,000 tons of coal ash and toxic wastewater into the river contaminating thousands of people's drinking water for weeks.

The problem with coal ash pollution in Alabama is a grave concern to those who rely on our rivers for clean water and safe recreation. Coal Ash warrants strong and enforceable regulation. According to EPA's rule it is now up to states to develop and implement these regulations in the most effective and efficient way possible. As the policy making body for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, the EMC has a critical responsibility in guiding the Department's actions on Coal Ash

My presentation will provide an overview of coal ash in Alabama. I will provide some overall numbers of where coal ash is currently being stored across the state and describe the current laws and practices in Alabama that leave Alabama's citizens and waterways in a vulnerable position when it comes to coal ash.

The goal of the presentation is to give you a better understanding of where we are now in Alabama and where we need to be in implementing these important regulations as the EMC undertakes to develop the necessary policies and regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your time in serving the people of Alabama as a member of the AEMC. I am putting together a power point presentation, which I plan to provide to you no later than February 6th.

Sincerely,

Mitch Reid

Program Director

Alabama Rivers Alliance

More information for your reference may be found at the following websites:

www.southeastcoalash.org

http://www.epa.gov/osw/nonhaz/industrial/special/fossil/ccr-rule/index.htm



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February 6, 2015

H. Lanier Brown, II, Chair Alabama Environmental Management Commission 1400 Coliseum Boulevard Montgomery, Alabama 36110

RE: Request to provide comments at the February 20, 2015 Alabama Environmental Management Commission (AEMC) Meeting.

Dear Mr. Brown,

My name is Oliver Robinson and on behalf of the concerned citizens working and residing in North Birmingham, I am requesting an opportunity to provide comments at the AEMC meeting scheduled for February 20, 2015. As you may know, on September 22, 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published its proposal to list a segment of North Birmingham on the National Priorities List (NPL). As a result of this proposal, several segments of North Birmingham have either already been greatly impacted or have the potential to be impacted in the near future, the particulars of which have yet to be presented to AEMC.

As a state legislator and representative of a district adjacent to the North Birmingham superfund site, it is my duty to ensure that the North Birmingham community is adequately represented to relevant State organizations such as AEMC. The health and general welfare of our community depends, in large part, on AEMCs continued willingness to hear and actively engage in matters that are critically important to them. This NPL proposal is one such matter.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in addressing this request. We look forward to your response.

Respectfully.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management gave notice of a public hearing on the proposed revisions to ADEM Admin. Code 335-14 of the Department's Land Division – Hazardous Waste Program Rules in accordance with <u>Ala. Code</u> § 22-22A-8 (2006 Rplc. Vol.) and <u>Ala. Code</u> § 41-22-4 (2000 Rplc. Vol.); and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before a representative of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management designated by the Environmental Management Commission for the purpose of receiving data, views and arguments on the amendment of such proposed rules; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has reviewed the oral and written submissions introduced into the hearing record, and has prepared a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against the adoption of the proposed rules incorporating therein its reasons for the adoption of certain revisions to the proposed rules in response to oral and written submissions, such revisions, where appropriate, having been incorporated into the proposed rules attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Management Commission has considered fully all oral and written submissions respecting the proposed amendments and the Reconciliation Statement prepared by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to <u>Ala. Code</u>. §§ 22-22A-5, 22-22A-6, 22-22A-8 (2006 Rplc. Vol.), and <u>Ala. Code</u>. § 41-22-5 (2000 Rplc. Vol.), as duly appointed members of the Environmental Management Commission, we do hereby adopt and promulgate these revisions to division 335-14 [335-14-1-.02/Definitions and References (Amend), 335-14-2-.01/General (Amend); 335-14-2-.05/Exclusions/Exemptions (Amend); 335-14-3-.08/Special Requirements for Generators of Waste Destined for disposal at Commercial Hazardous Waste Disposal

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Facilities Located in the State of Alabama (Amend); 335-14-3-Appendix II/Request for Commercial Disposal (Amend)] of the Department's Land Division – Hazardous Waste Program rules, administrative code attached hereto, to become effective thirty-five days, unless otherwise indicated, after filing with the Alabama Legislative Reference Service.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION RESOLUTION

ADEM Admin. Code division 335-14 - Hazardous Waste Program

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have affixed our signatures below on this 20th day of February 2015.

APPROVED:	
Many J. Mentt	
Havie Brown To W. Stott Curren	
DISAPPROVED:	
	This is to certify that this Resolution is a true and accurate account of the actions taken by the Environmental Management Commission on this 20th day of February 2015.
ABSTAINED:	H. Panier Brown, II, Chair Environmental Management Commission Certified this 20th day of February 2015