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ADEM Partners with U.S. Pipe and the American Cast Iron Pipe Company to Reduce Diesel Emissions

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is partnering with United States Pipe and Foundry Company (U.S. Pipe) and the American Cast Iron Pipe Company (ACIPCO) to utilize funding under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) to reduce diesel emissions in the Birmingham area. ADEM has been awarded \$196,880 for the DERA Program and has chosen to apply these funds in the Birmingham area to aid in the effort to achieve the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for fine particulate matter.

U.S. Pipe and ACIPCO utilize a fleet of diesel vehicles, equipment, and locomotives to support their daily operations. The companies have voluntarily agreed to install retrofit devices and idle reduction equipment on many of these vehicles and locomotives in order to reduce particulate emissions from the diesel engines.

“The Department appreciates the willingness of these industries to participate in this diesel retrofit project to improve air quality in Alabama,” said ADEM Director John Hagood. “This project will assist in our overall efforts to improve air quality in Alabama and ensure all citizens breathe cleaner air.”

“U.S. Pipe recycles scrap metal and turns it into ductile iron pipes that carry clean drinking water into homes and business. Our employees live and work in the Birmingham area, and we share the common goal of improving the quality of the air we all breathe,” said Scot Aler, Director Environmental Services. “We’re committed to sustainable environmental, health and safety improvements. When we learned ADEM could help obtain funding to install new emission control equipment on our locomotive and some of our diesel truck engines, we said absolutely yes, let’s do it.”

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“ACIPCO’s participation in the retrofit of our diesel locomotive fleet is a logical extension of our ongoing efforts to reduce our facility-wide air emissions,” said Ben Thomas, Environmental Manager for ACIPCO. “ACIPCO has already made substantial reductions in fine particulate emissions from diesel powered forklifts by voluntarily replacing older, less efficient equipment with new forklifts fitted with the latest EPA compliant emission control technology. ACIPCO’s participation in this and other voluntary emission reduction efforts is consistent with our ‘Golden Rule’ approach to business. ACIPCO’s management is committed to environmentally ethical business practices that protect both our employees and our community.”

Work on the retrofit projects at these facilities will begin in the near future and both companies have agreed to have the project completed by September 30, 2010.

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