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## **ADEM Completes Large Scrap Tire Site Cleanup**

**MONTGOMERY** – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is pleased to announce the cleanup completion of one of Alabama’s largest known unauthorized scrap tire disposal sites. The removal of the scrap tires and tire materials from a site in Prichard began in August 2009 with the support of ADEM and the Alabama Scrap Tire Commission.

The work was performed by Integrated Waste Services of Prichard and occurred at the former scrap tire dump site on Main Street near downtown Prichard. The contractor removed more than 26 million pounds of scrap tire materials, the equivalent of more than 1.3 million passenger tires, from the site. The completion of this project marked the second cleanup of a large-scale unauthorized scrap tire disposal site funded from the Alabama Scrap Tire Fund.

The Alabama Scrap Tire Fund was established with the Alabama Legislature’s passage of the Scrap Tire Environmental Quality Act. The Alabama Scrap Tire Fund is supported by a \$1-per-tire fee that has been collected on each replacement tire sold in Alabama since passage of the Act in 2003.

Prichard was selected to be the second site for cleanup based on a statewide prioritization process that utilized specific site ranking factors including the estimated volume of scrap tires, the proximity to residential areas/schools/health care facilities, and the potential human health and environmental threats posed by the site. ADEM used a stringent pre-qualifying process to assure contractors had the appropriate experience, proper equipment, and sufficient financial resources to accomplish a large-scale cleanup. In addition, ADEM conducted oversight activities during the cleanup to monitor the progress of the project.

Beneficial reuse of the scrap tire material was a key factor in the contract process and a 50 percent beneficial reuse requirement was a condition of the project. However, the contractor was able to achieve beneficial reuse in excess of 50 percent.

“The cleanup of this illegal scrap tire dump site will provide tremendous benefits for the citizens of Prichard,” said ADEM Director Lance LeFleur. “The majority of the material removed from this site was re-used which conserves natural resources and also saves space in Alabama’s landfills. The completion of this project is a tremendous success for the Department, the Alabama Scrap Tire Commission, the local elected officials, and the citizens of this area.”

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