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ADEM Offers Compliance Assistance for Dry Cleaners

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is again providing free compliance calendars to dry cleaners that use perchloroethylene, commonly referred to as PERC, as their primary cleaning solvent. The 2012 calendars mark the 12th consecutive year that ADEM has provided this compliance assistance tool. ADEM has historically provided this compliance assistance tool to more than 70 dry cleaners whose use of perchloroethylene requires specific record-keeping guidelines.

In the past, the calendars have proven to be a valuable asset in tracking the use of dry cleaner chemicals and in meeting regulatory obligations. The 2012 calendars feature information on refrigeration system pressure and carbon adsorbers, along with leak detection and repair logs. In addition, the compliance calendars contain logs for documenting the storage and use of dry cleaning chemicals and also feature monthly tips that explain compliance requirements.

The calendars also address additional requirements for PERC usage established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Dry cleaner owners and operators can use the calendars to get answers to questions they may have regarding these environmental regulations, record-keeping, or adding new machines.

The calendars are currently available for distribution and supplies are limited. To obtain a copy of the compliance assistance calendar, you may contact the ADEM Air Division at (334) 271-7861.

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