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Electronic Permit Applications Offer Benefits For Business Owners

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is encouraging business owners to participate in its new process that allows certain permit applications to be submitted electronically. This new process allows business owners, who are seeking to obtain permit coverage under an NPDES Construction General Permit, to file an electronic notice of intent (e-NOI) which offers benefits to both ADEM and business owners.

Participation in the e-NOI process allows business owners to receive electronic confirmation when their permit application has been received, when their fee payment has been processed, and when their coverage under the NPDES Construction General Permit has been granted. These features save time, as well as money, for business owners and can result in more efficient operations.

The e-NOI process also enhances efficiencies within ADEM and allows its staff to operate more efficiently during its processing of permit applications. “All agencies within government are being required to maintain the same level of service while utilizing fewer resources,” said ADEM Director Lance LeFleur. “ADEM is no exception to this fact and the e-NOI process allows us to provide the same level of service with fewer resources and without compromising the quality of our permit reviews.”

The e-NOI process is currently only available for business owners seeking coverage under the NPDES Construction General Permit. However, an e-NOI system is also being developed for multiple NPDES Industrial General Permits. Additional information on the e-NOI system for the NPDES Construction General Permit is available on the ADEM website at <https://app.adem.alabama.gov/eNOI/>.

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