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AEMC and ADEM Recognize Senator Marsh and Representative Canfield

MONTGOMERY – Senator Del Marsh and Representative Greg Canfield were recognized today by the Alabama Environmental Management Commission and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for their legislative efforts to promote a better environment and an improved quality of life for the citizens of Alabama. The AEMC passed Resolutions honoring both individuals for their sponsorship of legislation to ensure coal combustion wastes are classified, and regulated, as solid waste in Alabama.

Prior to the 2011 legislative session, Alabama was the only state in the nation that was not regulating the disposal of coal combustion waste as a solid waste. This lack of regulation allowed waste disposal companies to lawfully dispose of these waste materials anywhere in Alabama. It had also placed Alabama on the national radar for companies interested in bringing large quantities of out-of-state coal combustion wastes into Alabama for disposal.

Due to the leadership of Senator Marsh and Representative Canfield, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management will now be able to amend its regulations to ensure the proper regulation and disposal of coal combustion wastes in Alabama. “The Department appreciates the leadership of Senator Marsh and Representative Canfield in the passage of this legislation and we are grateful for their efforts to assist ADEM in our mission of protecting human health and the environment in Alabama,” said ADEM Director Lance LeFleur.