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## **ADEM Announces Construction General Permit**

**MONTGOMERY** – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has completed the process for developing its Construction General Permit which became effective on April 1, 2011. The permit is designed to protect water quality from the negative impacts associated with construction activities that result in an area of land disturbance exceeding one acre in size.

The Construction General Permit will, overtime, take the place of a permit-by-rule program that has been implemented by ADEM for almost ten years. Efforts under the new Construction General Permit will result in increased efficiencies for the ADEM staff, which is crucial due to budget constraints in all areas of state government.

New construction sites, as well as existing construction sites that have not renewed their expired registration notices, are subject to the new Construction General Permit and must submit a Notice of Intent to obtain permit coverage. The new Construction General Permit and all associated forms will be available on the ADEM website at [www.adem.alabama.gov](http://www.adem.alabama.gov).

“It is imperative that ADEM maximize our operational efficiencies during these difficult budget times and this new Construction General Permit will allow us to achieve that goal,” said ADEM Director Lance LeFleur. “However, we will not sacrifice any of our capabilities to be protective of Alabama’s water resources as a result of this change.”