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ADEM Lifts Boil Water Notice

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) has removed the boil water notice that was issued earlier this week for the Belforest Water System in Baldwin County. The decision to lift the boil water notice is based on the analytical results of numerous water samples collected throughout the Belforest Water System.

In addition, the Department issued a proposed Administrative Order to Baldwin County Sewer Service. The proposed Administrative Order includes a civil penalty of \$250,000.

The boil water notice was originally issued due to the improper connection of a pipe designed to carry wastewater from a residence to a pipe containing drinking water being supplied by the Belforest Water System. Baldwin County Sewer Service was responsible for the work associated with the improper connection.

This is the second time ADEM has initiated enforcement actions against Baldwin County Sewer Service for an improper connection. In 2007, the Department issued an Administrative Order and assessed a \$100,000 civil penalty to the sewer service for similar actions.