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ADEM to Host High School Students for Earth Day Event

MONTGOMERY - The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will celebrate Earth Day 2013 by hosting a special event for almost 100 area high school students. On Wednesday, April 17, students from Carver, Jeff Davis, Montgomery Tech, and Holtville high schools will visit the ADEM central office on Coliseum Boulevard to learn about environmental programs that are implemented on a daily basis to protect and preserve Alabama's air, land, and water resources.

The visiting students will receive guided tours and receive hands-on demonstrations from ADEM staff related to a wide-range of environmental programs including fish tissue monitoring, water quality sampling, air monitoring, recycling, solid waste disposal, and efforts that ensure Alabamians are provided with clean, safe drinking water. Students will also learn about career opportunities at ADEM and will be encouraged to pursue careers in science-related fields.

The Earth Day event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 11:45 a.m. In addition, a check presentation will be made at 9:00 a.m. to the principals of Jefferson Davis High School and Carver High School for their participation in the "Rep Your School Recycling Challenge."

"ADEM's scientists, engineers, geologists, meteorologists, chemists, biologists, and other professionals have dedicated their careers to protecting Alabama's natural resources," said ADEM Director Lance LeFleur. "We are pleased to provide this opportunity to educate high school students on the benefits of safeguarding the environment and provide them with information on career opportunities in math and science."

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