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Visual Metrics (Dashboards) Assist ADEM in Tracking Program Performance

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) utilizes a variety of tools, or metrics, to ensure its environmental programs are supportive of the Department's overall mission. A new, interactive tool is now being utilized to illustrate inspection, compliance, and enforcement data for facilities that operate under ADEM air, land, and water permits.

Accessible on the ADEM website (See Link Below) and viewable by all citizens, this interactive tool utilizes "Dashboards" to display charts and graphs that highlight inspection, compliance, and enforcement trends for all states, including Alabama. The Dashboards also illustrate how trends in Alabama compare to trends in other states and illustrate how activity levels in Alabama compare to national goals established by EPA.

Although each state is unique in the way it implements environmental programs, which results in some difficulties comparing state-to-state data, these Dashboards allow ADEM staff and interested stakeholders to utilize visual metrics to document inspection, compliance, and enforcement activities. These Dashboards are yet another step to ensure transparency in the implementation of ADEM's environmental programs and decision making processes.

<http://www.epa-echo.gov/echo/stateperformance/dashboard.php?media=air&state=AL&view=activity>

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