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ADEM Issues Enforcement Action for Unpermitted Discharge

MONTGOMERY - The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) has issued an Emergency Administrative Order to Saucier Investments, LLC and Regeneration, LLC. The issuance of the enforcement document is based on the Department's investigation of an unpermitted discharge that originated from the former WestPoint Pepperell facility, which is now owned by Saucier Investments, LLC.

While the original unpermitted discharge has ceased, the Emergency Administrative Order requires that steps be taken to prevent any additional unpermitted discharges. The enforcement document also requires that within five days of issuance, a report shall be submitted to the ADEM documenting all abatement activities that have been, or will be, conducted to address the unpermitted discharge of pollutants into waters of the state.

ADEM staff arrived on-scene last Friday and began conducting an investigation into an unpermitted discharge from the former WestPoint Pepperell facility into Pepperell Branch. Sludge materials from that unpermitted discharge have been documented in Pepperell Branch, as well as Saugahatchee Creek, and ADEM officials continue to monitor both waterways for potential impacts to water quality and aquatic organisms.

The issuance of this emergency Administrative Order does not preclude the Department from seeking civil penalties, criminal fines, or other appropriate sanctions in the future.

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