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Alabama 2nd in Southeast to Receive EPA Approval

MONTGOMERY - The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has received federal approval to revise its Public Water System Supervision Program to incorporate the Ground Water Rule. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently officially notified ADEM of the final approval.

In a letter from EPA Region 4 Administrator Heather McTeer Toney to ADEM Director Lance LeFleur, Ms. Toney praised Alabama's work. "I congratulate the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for its diligent efforts in this revision of the PWSS Program and I look forward to continued cooperative efforts with the State of Alabama in providing a safe drinking water supply to its citizens."

Alabama was just the second state in the Southeast (EPA - Region 4) to receive primacy approval from EPA. There are 421 public water systems in the state that use groundwater as a source for drinking water.

The Department's key activities under the PWSS Program include developing and maintaining an inventory of public water systems, providing technical assistance to water system managers and operators, ensuring that water systems regularly inform their customers about the quality of the water they are providing, and maintaining a compliance and enforcement program to make sure water systems comply with all of the state's drinking water requirements.

Ensuring that all Alabamians are provided access to clean, safe drinking water is a continuing priority for the Department.

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