



For immediate release:
Monday, May 23, 2016

Contact: Lynn Battle
(334) 271-7955

ADEM to Conduct Sampling in Gadsden and Centre

Today, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) initiated sampling of selected water systems in Alabama where previous self monitoring data have shown intermittent occurrences of concentrations of Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA), to be above the final health advisory level. The additional samples are necessary to confirm levels of PFOA and PFOS in the Gadsden Water Works & Sewer Board and Centre Sewer Board water systems. Gadsden and Centre supply water to: Northeast Alabama Water District; Southside Water Works and Sewer Board; and, the Utilities Board of Rainbow City. The most recent data collected by the Gadsden Water Works and Sewer Board, in April, indicates levels below the final health advisory.

ADEM will partner with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) by providing the test results which ADPH will utilize to determine possible health effects and to issue appropriate health recommendations.

#

adem.alabama.gov