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ADEM Makes Advances in “E-Government”

MONTGOMERY – Over the last six years, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has implemented a number of important computer-related systems to provide better and more efficient service.

Since 2003, the ADEM has received more than \$1.7 million in federal Exchange Network grant money to implement or improve several computer software programs such as ePermit, Network Monitoring System (NMS), and electronic Daily Monitoring Reports (eDMR).

The Exchange Network is an Internet-based system used to securely share environmental information with permittees and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Network improves the timeliness and accuracy of environmental data, reduces the burden and costs associated with reporting data, and enhances data access. With the Network, the Department along with stakeholders and the regulated community receive many benefits, including: improved data quality; better data integration; timely availability of environmental data; automated data submission and retrieval; and enhanced security.

“Taking advantage of the technology available today is an important step in operating more efficiently,” said ADEM Director Trey Glenn. “Our interactive, secure, computer network helps us, our stakeholders, and the regulated community work together better.”

The computer systems are monitored by ADEM’s Information Systems Branch which provides programming support, technical support, and computer training for the various computer programs administered within the Department. The services provided enable permittees and ADEM employees to perform their duties in a more efficient and effective manner in many cases with fewer resources.

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