

**SUMMARY OF REASONS/CHANGES
PROPOSED FOR DIVISION 6
WATER QUALITY PROGRAM
ADEM ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

The Department is proposing that the Alabama Environmental Management Commission adopt through rulemaking, revisions to the existing Water Quality Program regulations.

RULE	COMMENTS/REASONS FOR CHANGE
335-6-6-.02	The Department is proposing to add two new definitions for the terms "ASMC" and "Surface Coal Mine" in support of proposed revisions to ADEM Admin Code rule 335-6-6-.05 described below.
335-6-6-.05	<p>The Department is proposing to modify this section to toll the automatic, 18-month expiration of an NPDES permit by any administrative request for hearing in addition to administrative or judicial stay.</p> <p>The Department is also proposing to modify the automatic, 18-month expiration of an NPDES permit for a surface coal mine, such that the permit will expire 18 months from the issuance of the permit if construction has not begun, unless the Permittee has not begun construction pending the issuance of a permit by the Alabama Surface Mining Commission (ASMC). In such a case, the Department is proposing that the NPDES permit for the surface coal mine expire 18 months from the issuance of the ASMC permit if construction has still not begun.</p>