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## **ADEM Taking Action in North Birmingham**

**MONTGOMERY** - The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) is working to clean up unauthorized dumpsites across the state.

For years, ADEM has been investigating and working with local authorities to remediate unauthorized disposal sites that contain solid waste and scrap tires. The unauthorized dumps contain materials that were illegally deposited or perhaps left in place after the closing of a business or industry.

Over the last several years, ADEM has used formal and informal means to clean up nearly 1,900 unauthorized dumps and scrap tire sites. When land owners meet the criteria as an innocent land owner of an unauthorized dump site, the Solid Waste Fund and/or Scrap Tire Fund has been utilized to pay for remediation. Currently, more than 500 sites have met that criteria. Clean up of more than 1,300 sites by responsible parties/land owners have been achieved using voluntary actions, enforcement actions (Orders), and lawsuits where responsible parties pay the cost of clean up.

Numerous unauthorized dumps throughout the state are being addressed by ADEM including several in the Jefferson County area. As recently as December, ADEM took action against the owners of a pair of unauthorized dumps in North Birmingham. Additional actions are anticipated against the owners of other dumpsites in the area.

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