Minutes
Environmental Management Commission Meeting
Alabama Department of Environmental Management Building
1400 Coliseum Boulevard
Montgomery, Alabama 36110-2400
December 15, 2017
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Alabama Environmental Management Commission

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1. DR. RICHARDSON: Good morning, everyone. It was pointed out that
3. the Commissioner from north Alabama and the
4. Commissioner from south Alabama were
5. present, while the one from Montgomery was
6. a little late in getting here. So it's
7. kind of interesting how that works out.
8. So without further ado, I would
9. like to call this meeting of the
10. Environmental Management Commission — the
11. December 15th, 2017 meeting — to order. I
12. acknowledge that we do have a quorum
13. present.
14. And the first item on the agenda
15. is the consideration of minutes from the
16. October 20th, 2017 meeting. So the Chair
17. notes that the Commission will consider the
18. minutes of the October 20th meeting.
19. And I will entertain a motion
20. from the Commission regarding the minutes.
21. DR. MILLER: I move we
22. accept the minutes as written.
23. DR. LAIER: I second.

APPEARANCES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:
1. Terry D. Richardson, Ph.D., Vice Chair
2. Samuel L. Miller, M.D.
3. James E. Laier, Ph.D., P.E.
4. Mary J. Merritt

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:
1. H. Lanier Brown, II, Esquire, Chair
2. E. Craig Martin, D.V.M.

ALSO PRESENT:
1. Robert Tambling, AEMC Legal Counsel
2. Debi Thomas, AEMC Executive Assistant
3. Lance R. LeFleur, ADEM Director

1. DR. RICHARDSON: It has been
2. moved and seconded to accept the minutes as
3. written.
4. Is there any discussion?
5. (No response)
6. DR. RICHARDSON: Hearing
7. none, the Chair will call the question.
8. All in favor of the minutes as written,
9. signify by saying "aye."
10. (All Commissioners signify
11. with "aye.")
12. DR. RICHARDSON: All
13. opposed?
14. (No response)
15. DR. RICHARDSON: And any
16. abstentions?
17. (No response)
18. DR. RICHARDSON: Motion
19. carries for the approval of the October
20. 20th minutes.
21. The next agenda item is the
22. election. And the Chair notes that the
23. Commission will consider the election of
1 the chairs and members of the Commission's
2 Personnel Committee and Rulemaking
3 Committee. Chair notes that we do have a
4 list of nominations for the Committee
5 chairs and members that were circulated to
6 the Commission.
7 And I will entertain a motion
8 from the Commission regarding those
9 nominations, which include the following:
10 For the Personnel Committee, Sam Miller as
11 Chair. Jim Laier and Craig Martin as
12 members. And for the Rulemaking Committee:
13 Myself, Terry Richardson, as Chair and Mary
14 Merritt and the new Commission appointee,
15 whoever that might be, as members.
16 So I will entertain a motion
17 from the Commission.
18 MS. MERRITT: I move we
19 accept the nominations to the Committees as
20 cited by the Chair.
21 DR. LAIER: 1 second.
22 DR. RICHARDSON: It has been
23 moved by Commissioner Merritt and seconded

by Commissioner Laier that we accept the
nominations to the committees as I cited.
Is there any discussion
regarding these nominations?
(No response)
DR. RICHARDSON: Hearing
none, I will call the question. All in
favor of the nominations for the two
committees as presented signify by saying
"aye."
(All Commissioners signify
with "aye.")
DR. RICHARDSON: All
opposed?
(No response)
DR. RICHARDSON: Any
abstentions?
(No response)
DR. RICHARDSON: Then the
nominations for the committees as I cited
have been approved.
At this time, the Commission
will hear a report from the ADEM Director,

continuing resolution we have been
operating under since October 1st for the
federal portion of our budget was renewed
until December 22nd, 2017. Until then, our
federal funding will remain as it was in
FY 2017. At this time, anticipated funding
and expenditures are in balance.
On November 1st, the Department
submitted its FY 2019 budget request to the
Alabama State Department of Finance. The
Department requested a total of $7,790,000
in general funds that included funds for
operations, and $6 million in capital
outlay for the new Mobile field office. I
would note that work will continue on
RESTORE Act funding to construct the new
field office in Mobile in case State
general funds are not forthcoming.
For several years, we have
presented and analyzed the Department's
air, RCRA, NPDES, and drinking water
performance metrics, known as "dashboards,"
that are generated by EPA. There are two
1. types of dashboards: Activity dashboards
2. that show metrics for each state and
3. performance dashboards that show each
4. state’s metrics compared to national
5. averages.
6. The primary focus of the
7. analysis has been on how the Department
8. compares to national averages. Over time,
9. it has become clear that the Department
10. consistently outperforms national averages
11. in all areas. Beginning with the EPA
12. dashboards in today’s report, an increased
13. focus on performance trends will be
14. presented. Not only does the Department
15. beat national averages, we are a top 10
16. performer, which is remarkable considering
17. that our funding is the lowest in the
18. nation. Our objective is to not only
19. continue to be a top 10 performance
20. program, but to constantly improve, which
21. means we must measure ourselves against
22. ourselves by looking more closely at
23. trends.

1. As has been the case with other
2. media and previous reports on the NPDES
3. Water program, the following slides will
4. look at the size of the universe of
5. regulated facilities, the inspections
6. performed, the violations found in those
7. inspections, the most serious violations,
8. and the enforcement actions taken as a
9. result of the violations.
10. The dashboards presented today,
11. along with many others, are readily
12. available to any interested party on the
13. EPA website. The first slide is one
14. typically presented in updates, which shows
15. the size of the universe of NPDES permitted
16. water discharging facilities. It shows
17. that there are approximately 10,500 NPDES
18. permits outstanding in Alabama, which is up
19. slightly from 2016. A large majority of
20. the total permits continues to be the
21. general permit holders shown in red.
22. The graph clearly displays the
23. Department’s strategy of increasing -- to
24. increasingly use general permits, because
25. they both reduce the workload associated
26. with permit issuance, which increases
27. efficiency, and generally have tighter
28. discharge limits. There are numerous
29. graphs on EPA’s website related
30. specifically to enforcement and compliance.
31. The first group of these is the
32. inspections group. The graphs in the
33. inspections group of dashboards analyze the
34. rate of inspections. This next slide is
35. one typically presented in our regular
36. updates. It shows the percentage of all
37. major facilities inspected in Alabama, the
38. purple columns, consistently exceeds both
39. the national average, shown by the dashed
40. blue line, and EPA’s target of 50 percent,
41. shown by the solid black line. The trend
42. is basically flat at a level approaching
43. 100 percent.
44. In the inspections group of
45. dashboards is also a graph showing the
46. percentage of non-majors with general
47. permits, or GPs, that have been inspected.
48. You may recall from the earlier pie chart
49. that general permits is the largest
50. category of permit holders. Note that EPA
51. has not displayed a target for the rate of
52. inspections for GP non-majors as they did
53. for majors, because the target rates vary
54. based on GP sector. However, in every year
55. ADEM’s rate of inspections exceeded the
56. national average, shown as the blue dashed
57. line.
58. For GP non-majors, the
59. percentage of inspections has been trending
60. up. The newly implemented field tablet
61. based inspection program allows us to
62. maintain high inspection rates, despite
63. declining head count.
64. The next group up of slides --
65. of graphs on EPA’s website is the
66. violations group of dashboards, which
67. analyze permit violations found in those
68. inspections. Once again, this slide is one
69. typically included in regular updates. It
1. shows the percentage of majors in non-compliance. As you see, the percentage of major facilities in Alabama with serious violations, shown in orange, and non-serious violations, shown in blue, is better, often by a wide margin, than the respective national averages shown as the red and blue dashed lines. The trend is up slightly in non-serious violations and approaching the national average -- the dotted blue line. The trend of serious violations continues to be declining, while the national average, the red dashed line, is trending flat. The 2017 increase in non-serious violations does not appear to have a discernible cause, but is an area for attention. The serious non-compliance level is approaching what may be a steady state minimum. The serious violations dashboard group focuses specifically on serious violations.

This slide showing serious violations is a subset of the previous slide. As you can see, the national average represented by the dashed red line has been hovering between 20 and 25 percent, while Alabama's level of serious violations has been steadily declining and is now less than one third the national average. The trend is steadily going down, which is good. It remains to be seen if we have reached the lowest practically achievable level. We seek the lowest possible occurrence of violations, which means the highest level of compliance.

The final group of enforcement dashboard slides will help explain how Alabama is able to achieve the high levels of compliance shown in this and the preceding slide. In past presentations, we have reviewed several of the available enforcement performance dashboard graphs prepared by EPA. The graphs from the enforcement group used in those past presentations are currently being reworked by EPA to better reflect enforcement performance by the states. Since those performance graphs are works in progress, we have taken EPA informal and formal enforcement activity data for Alabama and the same activity data on a national basis to develop the performance graph now shown on the screen.

As noted earlier, when activity data for a state is compared to the national average for that same data, it becomes a performance measure. This graph, using EPA data, shows the percentage of total enforcement actions that are informal forms of enforcement for both Alabama and the nation. ADEM employs an intentional strategy to focus on informal enforcement to obtain the lowest levels of non-compliance shown in earlier graphs. The graph illustrates that our percentage of informal actions to formal actions is consistently higher than the nation as a whole. As you can see, the trend was increasing during the period from 2011 until 2014 when it peaked. Since then, the trend has been down. The increase and the peak reflect a high volume of informal actions that came about when we were seeking to increase participation in the Electronic Discharge Monitoring Report, or eDMR, system. That effort was very successful and is a big reason why we lead the nation in eDMR participation. Following that push, the percentage of informal enforcement actions has returned to a more typical level, which continues to be well above what other states are doing. As you can see, the national trend is moving toward a higher percentage of informal actions, more like what we have been doing for some time. By way of reminder, that strategy of using an informal enforcement action is based on independent research that shows informal...
1. action combined with inspections is 10
2. times more successful in achieving
3. compliance than penalties resulting from
4. formal enforcement actions. This approach
5. is also far more cost effective, because it
6. is estimated to take 5 to 10 times the
7. resources to undertake a formal enforcement
8. action compared to an informal enforcement
9. action.
10. Better results at lower costs is
11. what we're all about. The metrics
12. displayed in these dashboard groups
13. continue to be the only comprehensive,
14. verifiable, objective measures of
15. performance available. As you have seen,
16. every group of measures demonstrates that
17. the Department is consistently beating
18. national averages and that performance is
19. trending toward continued improvement.
20. In keeping with the water theme
21. of today's dashboard review, I'm pleased to
22. report on several recent water related
23. public outreach innovations. These have

1. been in development for several years and
2. are also responsive to the recent interest
3. in Sanitary Sewer Overflows, or SSOs,
4. expressed by several environmental advocacy
5. organizations.
6. I've got one out of order here.
7. Here we go.
8. In keeping with the -- excuse
9. me. The first innovation is an opt-in
10. service that allows interested parties to
11. elect to receive real-time e-mail SSO
12. notifications for the county or counties
13. selected by the requesting individual as
14. that information is submitted to the
15. Department. The process is easy to follow.
16. On the Department's home page is a
17. location, circled in red on this slide, to
18. enter the interested party's e-mail
19. address. When the entry is submitted, a
20. new page appears where the party can select
21. the type of notification they wish to
22. receive -- in this case the SSO report --
23. and the counties in which they are

1. interested, shown in the red circled area
2. on this slide.
3. The SSO notification is e-mailed
4. to the person within minutes of ADEM
5. receiving the information from the
6. permittee electronically via eSSO or from
7. ADEM entry of an SSO not reported via eSSO.
8. In order to minimize any delays in
9. reporting SSOs, the Department has been
10. promoting greater participation in the
11. innovative eSSO program for a number of
12. years and has put in place a permit
13. requirement in all new and renewed
14. municipal NPDES permits that permittees
15. must report using eSSO.
16. As you can see on this graph,
17. with 24 percent of the SSOs being reported
18. electronically in 2014, the green portion,
19. and 78 percent in 2017, the effort is
20. showing considerable success. The e-mail
21. notification ties in with an interactive
22. map on our website. This is an example of
23. the active eSSOs in Montgomery County --

1. being the ones that are of interest.
2. When a specific SSO is selected
3. on the interactive map, as shown in this
4. example, relevant data on that SSO is
5. displayed. The information remains on the
6. interactive map for 10 days after the SSO
7. is reported stopped. The data box also has
8. a link to the eFile application that shows
9. all available information on all SSOs for
10. that permittee. The SSO map, along with
11. other interactive maps, is also accessible
12. through the website by selecting the eMaps
13. portal option on the web home page, circled
14. in red on this slide. In addition to the
15. SSO map, there are maps showing outfalls
16. for treated wastewater from municipal
17. treatment plants and coastal beach water
18. quality monitoring data. Within the next
19. few weeks, the map showing areas where fish
20. consumption advisories exist will be added.
21. This particular slide shows the
22. municipal treated wastewater outfalls and
23. the information displayed when an
1. individual outfall location is selected.
2. Back to my out-of-place slide. If you will
3. give me a moment. There we are. The
4. public will also be notified of these State
5. water information resources at locations
6. where such information is particularly
7. useful; namely, at every public boat ramp
8. and marina in Alabama.
9. The signage which will be put in
10. place is shown on the screen. It offers
11. the options of an electric Quick Reference
12. code, an e-mail link, or a telephone number
13. to get the available up-to-the-minute
14. information on SSOs, treated municipal
15. wastewater outfalls, fish consumption
16. advisories, and the latest coastal beach
17. monitoring information.
18. The eMaps application on the web
19. home page provides numerous other mapping
20. options available to the public. In
21. addition to these internal innovations, the
22. Department has entered into a contract with
23. the Alabama Rural Water Association to

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1. Association, and private citizens to obtain
2. additional input regarding public
3. notification of SSOs.
4. In a related matter dealing with
5. public outreach on water issues, beginning
6. last year the Department started providing
7. brief status reports on environmental
8. topics in which the public has expressed an
9. elevated level of interest.
10. Currently, ADEM’s website
11. provides status reports on the Uniontown
12. Wastewater Treatment Plant enforcement
13. action and efforts to upgrade the system;
14. the situation in the city of Eight Mile
15. near Mobile where groundwater was
16. contaminated by the spill of the chemical
17. mercaptan, which is the odorant added to
18. natural gas; and a report on progress in
19. testing for lead contamination in the
20. drinking water at every public school in
22. Recent Director’s reports to the
23. Commission have been updating you on the

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1. provide statewide training to wastewater
2. professionals to assist them in
3. understanding proper reporting and public
4. notification for SSOs.
5. Within the next few months,
6. every wastewater professional will have had
7. convenient access to a training session in
8. their area of the state. ADEM provides
9. support with public notification of SSOs,
10. but the primary responsibility continues to
11. be that of the individual permittee. For
12. that reason, an additional permit condition
13. is in development to require that all
14. municipal wastewater systems have written
15. procedures to respond to SSOs, including
16. written public notification procedures.
17. An element of future inspections
18. will be to confirm such procedures are in
19. place. Following today’s Commission
20. meeting, the Department will be meeting
21. with interested environmental
22. organizations, wastewater plant operators,
23. industry group organizations, Rural Water

1. progress of putting senior leadership in
2. place at EPA. Part of the reason for the
3. updates is that this is the first new
4. administration naming EPA leadership in
5. eight years. Another part of the reason is
6. that the new leadership will be responsible
7. for implementing what appears to be a
8. dramatic change in the philosophy under
9. which EPA will be operating.
10. Since my last report to you,
11. four additional positions out of the 13
12. subject to senate confirmation have been
13. confirmed, bringing the total confirmed to
14. six. Two nominations are pending. This
15. appears to be the slowest pace of
16. nominations and confirmations since EPA was
17. created in 1970.
18. Of the 10 regional
19. administrators, which are not subject to
20. senate confirmation, eight have now been
21. named. At the last Commission meeting, we
22. reviewed the Department’s annual operating
23. plan. Since then, EPA has released for
1 public review its draft FY 2018 through
2 2022 Strategic Plan, which I will briefly
3 summarize because it will impact the
4 Department's operations.
5 Let me get back to my -- Okay.
6 EPA's Strategic Plan sets out three stated
7 major goals: First is to focus on EPA's
8 Core Mission to deliver real results to
9 provide Americans with clean air, land, and
10 water; Cooperative Federalism, which seeks
11 to rebalance the power between Washington
12 and the states to create tangible
13 environmental results for the American
14 people; and Rule of Law and Process, which
15 seeks to administer the law, as congress
16 intended, to refocus the agencies -- the
17 agency on its statutory obligations under
18 the law.
19 Results will be measured by
20 success in: Reducing the number of
21 non-attainment areas; increasing compliance
22 in water infrastructure projects where EPA
23 is involved in funding; remediating

1 Dick Bronson, the Lake Watch of Lake
2 Martin. Chair notes that under this item
3 the Commission will consider a resolution
4 for Richard (Dick) M. Bronson, Lake Watch
5 of Lake Martin. The resolution reads as
6 follows: Whereas, Richard (Dick) M.
7 Bronson is an advocate for the environment
8 and environmental education, and he has
9 made numerous contributions in these areas;
10 and, whereas, he assisted Lake Watch of
11 Lake Martin in partnership with Alabama
12 Water Watch, Auburn University, the Alabama
13 Department of Environmental Management, and
14 local governmental organizations in
15 establishing the Lake Watch of Lake Martin
16 water quality monitoring programs to help
17 protect Lake Martin and the lake community;
18 and, whereas, he played an integral role in
19 the establishment on December 28th, 2010,
20 through Executive Order No. 54, signed by
21 Governor Bob Riley, of the designation of
22 Treasured Alabama Lakes (TAL) and Lake
23 Martin being singled out as the first to
1. receive this designation, this designation
2. ensuring that the lake will be protected
3. for future generations; and, whereas, for a
4. decade he and his wife, Mary Ann, have
5. helped educate the students in the gifted
6. program at Radney Elementary School in
7. Alexander City, Alabama, in part by
8. establishing the Trillium Trail adjacent to
9. the school and taking students on hikes
10. where they provided a unique opportunity
11. for them to see nature and their
12. environment up close and learn ways they
13. can be active participants in protecting
14. them. They also call on outside speakers
15. to contribute to the students’
16. environmental learning experiences. And,
17. whereas, he has been a steady source of
18. knowledge, leadership, and reason in his
19. advocacy for the environment and
20. environmental education, and his legacy
21. will live on as he and his wife make their
22. transition from the Lake Martin community
23. to Montgomery; now, therefore, be it

1. motion.
2. DR. RICHARDSON: It has been
3. moved and seconded.
4. Is there any discussion
5. regarding the resolution?
6. (No response)
7. DR. RICHARDSON: Hearing
8. none, I will call the question. All in
9. favor of the resolution, signify by saying
10. "aye."
11. (All Commissioners signify
12. with "aye.")
13. DR. RICHARDSON: All
14. opposed, same sign.
15. (No response)
16. DR. RICHARDSON: Any
17. abstentions?
18. (No response)
19. DR. RICHARDSON: We have
20. already signed these copies, so I will ask
21. Mr. Bronson to come forward.
22. MR. LIEFLEUR: With his
23. wife, Mary Ann.

1. I do recognize that Mr. Bronson
2. is present. Over there. Okay. And I will
3. ask you to come forward in a minute. And I
4. also will point out that, in addition to
5. this resolution, Governor Ivey has issued a
6. commendation for Mr. Bronson in his
7. activities that we will also present.
8. I will now entertain a motion
9. from the Commission regarding the adoption
10. of this resolution.
11. MS. MERRITT: Move to adopt
12. the resolution for Richard (Dick) M.
13. Bronson from Lake Watch of Lake Martin.
14. DR. LAIER: Second the
15. DR. RICHARDSON: With
16. Mary Ann to come forward as we present
17. these.
18. Here is the resolution. Thank
19. you for your work and helping improve the
20. environment for the state of Alabama and
21. its citizens. Here is the commendation
22. from Governor Ivey. Thank you very much
23. for all your hard work.

10. (Audience applause)
11. MR. BRONSON: I had one
12. comment -- you said I couldn’t make a
13. speech, but he brought me here under false
14. pretenses. He invited me to lunch, and
15. that was dirty.
16. Anyway, I really, really
17. appreciate this, and -- and I'm really
18. proud of it. There's a lot of folks here
19. that — earlier we had a conversation here
20. about me being non-adversarial. Russell
21. and Glenda and Vernon and Scott and the
22. rest of you folks know that's not true --
23. Marilyn.
My time goes back to fussing at ADEM back when Leigh Pegues was the director here — now, some of you weren’t even born when he was the director here — and subsequent ones. And a quick story about Leigh. I was fussing about something at Lake Martin about water. I called, voiced my opinion. He said, Come down and let’s talk. So I did, made an appointment, came in, went into his office really ready to do battle. And he started talking about being in the army. And, dang him, he -- he disarmed me in an instant. All we did is talk about -- artillery also. You know, he was from Marion.

So, anyway, I forgot what I was even there about. The whole point of this is we all want the same thing. We just have different opinions about how to make it happen. And so thank you. Thank you very much.

DR. RICHARDSON: Thank you,

Mr. Bronson.

(Audience applause)

DR. RICHARDSON: I ask Mr. Bronson and his wife, Mary Ann, to hang around right after the meeting for a few photographs, please.

Agenda Item 6 is other business.
The Chair asks if the members of the Commission of know of any other business we need to discuss?

(No response)

DR. RICHARDSON: Hearing none, we will move on to Agenda Item 7, future business sessions. The Chair notes that the proposed dates for the Commission meetings for the calendar year 2018 have been circulated to the Commission members, and with the proposed start time of the meetings as 11 a.m. The meeting dates are February 16, April 20th, June 15th, August 20th, October 19th, and December 14th.

I will entertain a motion from the Commission regarding the adoption of the proposed Commission meeting dates and times.
STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

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AGENDA*
MEETING OF THE
ALABAMA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
DATE: December 15, 2017
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Building
Alabama Room (Main Conference Room)
1400 Coliseum Boulevard
Montgomery, Alabama 36110-2400

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** The Minutes for this meeting will be available on the ADEM website under Environmental Management Commission.
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1. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2017**

2. **ELECTIONS**
   
The Commission will elect Chairs and Members of the Commission’s Personnel and Rulemaking Committees.

3. **REPORT FROM THE ADEM DIRECTOR**

4. **REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION CHAIR**

5. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION FOR DICK BRONSON, LAKE WATCH OF LAKE MARTIN**

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7. **FUTURE BUSINESS SESSIONS**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

BRIEF STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REGISTERED TO SPEAK

Members of the public that wish to make a brief statement at a Commission meeting may do so by first signing in on a register maintained by the Commission office prior to each regularly scheduled meeting. The register will close ten minutes prior to convening each meeting of the Commission. Following completion of all agenda items, the Commission Chair will call on members of the public wishing to make a statement in the order their names appear on the register. Speakers are encouraged to limit their statement to matters that directly relate to the Commission’s functions. Speakers will be asked to observe a three minute time limit. While an effort will be made to hear all members of the public signed on the register, the Commission may place reasonable limitations on the number of speakers to be heard. (Guideline 11, Guidelines for Public Comment).

The Guidelines for Public Comment are used in the application of ADEM Administrative Code 335-2, Environmental Management Commission Regulations, Rule 335-2-3-.05, Agenda and Public Participation. The Guidelines for Public Comment serve to educate and inform the public as to how the Commission interprets and intends to apply the Rule. The revised Rule 335-2-3-.05 was effective October 7, 2016.
Attachment 2
BEFORE THE
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
OF THE
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

MOTION

Accept nominations to committees as cited by Chair

ORDER

This cause having come before the Environmental Management Commission pursuant to the above motion, and having considered the same, the Commission hereby ORDERS, ADJUDGES, and DECREES as follows:

1. That the above motion is hereby adopted; and

2. That a copy of the list of committees is attached and made a part hereof; and

3. That this action has been taken and this Order shall be deemed rendered effective as of the date shown below.
Environmental Management Commission Order
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ISSUED this 15th day of December 2017.

APPROVED:

[Signatures of Commissioners]

DISAPPROVED:

[Signature of Commissioner]

This is to certify that this Order is a true and accurate account of the actions taken by the Environmental Management Commission on this 15th day of December 2017.

[Terry D. Richardson, Vice Chair]
Environmental Management Commission
Certified this 15th day of December 2017
Alabama Environmental Management Commission 2018 Committees

**Personnel Committee**

Chair: Sam Miller  
Members: Jim Laier  
         Craig Martin

**Rulemaking Committee**

Chair: Terry Richardson  
Members: Mary Merritt  
         New commission appointee
Attachment 3
NPDES Facilities By Type - FY17 (All)

- Non-Major (General Permit)
- Non-Major (Ind.)
- Major

1,242
177
9,084
Facilities in Non-Compliance (Majors, %)

Fiscal Year
- NonComp (SNC)
- NonComp (Not SNC)
- National Average (SNC)
- National Average (NC not SNC)
Major Facilities in Significant Non-Compliance (%)

Fiscal Year

- Major Facilities in SNC
- National Average
IMPORTANT
BOATERS, ANGLERS, PADDLERS, SWIMMERS

TO VIEW STATEWIDE WATER QUALITY INFORMATION FOR:
- CURRENT SEWAGE SPILLS
- TREATED SEWAGE DISCHARGE POINTS
- FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY LOCATIONS
- COASTAL BEACH MONITORING

VISIT:
ADEM.ALABAMA.GOV/WATER-INFO

OR SCAN BELOW

OR CALL ADEM AT 334-271-7700
(PARA ASISTENCIA LLAME)
Welcome to ADEM

Alabama is blessed with a wealth and variety of natural resources which provide significant social, economic, and environmental benefits and opportunities for the citizens of Alabama. The mission at ADEM is to assure for all citizens of the State a safe, healthful, and productive environment. This website is designed to keep you informed and help you as you live and work in Alabama.

Upcoming Events and Latest News

November 1, 2017
Alabama Emergency Response Commission & Hazards

October 25, 2017
20th Annual Surface Water Meeting

June 27, 2017
Notice of ADEM Director Job Performance Evaluation

July 28, 2017
Finance Forum: Water Rate Setting and Long Term Fiscal Planning for Small Water Systems

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Note: There are currently 483 Municipal WWTF subject to SSO reporting requirements.
**Legend**

SSOs Reported to ADEM by NPDES Permitted Facilities

Sanitary Sewer Overflow Volumes (gallons)

- Unknown
- <1,000
- 1,000 and <10,000
- 10,000 and <100,000
- 100,000 and <1,000,000
- 1,000,000 and <2,000,000
- 2,000,000
- Other – Extreme Weather (e.g. Hurricane – all data not available)

Counties

SSOs are reported to map for 10 days after SSO event. Please note there may be a delay in the availability of the updated SSO reports as the system.

**Disclaimer**

This information is reported by permitted wastewater treatment facilities. ADEM has not reviewed it for accuracy or completeness or made any interpretations regarding water quality in the affected area. No representation is made that the map reflects all SSOs. ADEM assumes no liability for damages alleged to be caused by any errors or omissions.

**SSO Information**

- Permit: AL0021385
- Permittee: CITY OF AUBURN
- Facility Site: (53.344997, -85.902991)
- Location of Discharge: 1480 Coliseum Blvd
- Recalling Storm: 06/08/2010
- Creek: SDO
- Date SSO Started: May 26, 2017 6:20PM
- Date SSO Stopped: May 26, 2017 10:00PM
- Estimated Volume: 750
- Cause of Discharge: Heavy Rainfall
- Received Date: May 29, 2017 8:00AM
- Ask for info:

Zoom to...
EPA Strategic Plan

- 3 Goals:
  - Core Mission
  - Cooperative Federalism
  - Rule of Law and Process
EPA Strategic Plan

- Measure results:
  - Reduce non-attainment
  - Increase funding water infrastructure
  - RemEDIATE brownfields & Superfund sites
  - Complete TSCA evaluations, management, determinations timely
  - Increase non-EPA infrastructure funding
  - Accelerate permitting-related decisions
Attachment 4
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Richard (Dick) M. Bronson is an advocate for the environment and environmental education, and he has made numerous contributions in these areas; and

WHEREAS, he assisted Lake Watch of Lake Martin (LWLM), in partnership with Alabama Water Watch, Auburn University, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, and local governmental organizations, in establishing LWLM’s water quality monitoring programs to help protect Lake Martin and the lake community; and

WHEREAS, he played an integral role in the establishment, on December 28, 2010, through Executive Order number 54 signed by Governor Bob Riley, of the designation of Treasured Alabama Lakes (TAL) and Lake Martin being singled out as the first to receive this designation, with this designation insuring that the lake will be protected for future generations; and

WHEREAS, for a decade, he and his wife Mary Ann have helped educate the students in the gifted program at Radney Elementary School in Alexander City, Alabama, in part by establishing the Trillium Trail adjacent to the school and taking students on hikes where they provided a unique opportunity for them to see nature and their environment up-close and learn ways they can be active participants in protecting them. They also called on outside speakers to contribute to the students’ environmental learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, he has been a steady source of knowledge, leadership, and reason in his advocacy for the environment and environmental education and his legacy will live on as he and his wife make their transition from the Lake Martin community to Montgomery; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Environmental Management Commission along with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management express gratitude to

RICHARD (DICK) M. BRONSON

for his contributions to a better environment and an improved quality of life for the citizens of Alabama.

DONE this 15th day of December 2017.

[Signatures]

This is to certify that this Resolution is a true and accurate account of the actions taken by the Environmental Management Commission on this 15th day of December 2017.

Terry D. Richardson; Vice Chair
Environmental Management Commission
Certified this 15th day of December 2017
Commendation
By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Richard “Dick” Bronson, well-known for his support and contributions made to environmental education programs and protecting the environment, has made a significant impact in the Lake Martin community and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bronson has volunteered countless hours with the creation of the Lake Watch of Lake Martin (CWLM) organization having worked closely with local and state elected officials, Auburn University, Alabama Water Watch (AWW) and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, advocating for environmental improvement and helping to solve pollution problems; and

WHEREAS, after years of advocacy, in December 2010, Mr. Bronson witnessed Governor Bob Riley signing Executive Order 54, establishing the Treasured Alabama Lake (TAL) at Children’s Harbor on Lake Martin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bronson and his wife, Mary Ann Bronson, are the second recipients to receive the Alabama Water Watch Lifetime Achievement Award and have hosted numerous groups from around the world in their home, exchanging information relating to environmental issues and solutions; and

WHEREAS, for over a decade, Mr. Bronson has accompanied hundreds of students, teachers, scientists and fellow volunteer monitors, educating them about the environment while hiking through Trillium Trail; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Military is an important part of life in Alabama, and Mr. Bronson is a retired career US Army Officer who continues to make substantial contributions to our State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bronson are leaving the Lake Martin community and moving to Montgomery, Alabama, to begin a new chapter in life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby commend

Richard “Dick” Bronson

on his service to the State of Alabama and contributions made to the Lake Martin community, leaving behind a great legacy for future generations to experience and enjoy.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 6th day of December 2017.

Kay Ivey/Governor