

## **VISIBLE EMISSIONS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SPRING 2023**

The ADEM Visible Emissions (VE) Certification Program will conduct a certification session during April of 2023. The on-line lecture session will begin March 20-31, 2023. The field certification portion of the program will begin April 11-12, 2023 and will continue, if needed, through April 13, 2023 as a contingency day for weather delays only. See the attached memo from Ronald W. Gore, Chief – Air Division, concerning those who should attend.

The lecture session is required for those certifying for the first time and once every three (3) years thereafter. Field Certification is valid for six (6) months.

There are three (3) methods available for registering to attend the VE Certification Program. Participants can register using the on-line registration procedure, by mail, or on site (additional fee required). **The deadline for early registration, either on-line or mail-in is March 31, 2023.**

To avoid late fees, mail-in applications must be postmarked by the close of business on March 31, 2023. Participants registering either by mail or on-line after the deadline will be subject to a \$100.00 late fee. Participants that elect to register on site will incur an additional fee of \$50.00. Payment for mail-in and on-site registration can be in the form of check, money order, or credit card. On-line registration will start January 16, 2023, and be available until April 7, 2023 (late fees will apply after March 31, 2023).

Registration may be accomplished by completing the attached registration form and submitting it, along with a method of payment, to ADEM – Air Division by the deadline. Registration forms will not be processed without full payment.

### **OR**

Attendees may register using the **on-line registration procedure**. To register on line, access the URL, [https://www.alabamainteractive.org/adem\\_smoke/welcome.action](https://www.alabamainteractive.org/adem_smoke/welcome.action) and follow the directions on the website. On-line registration may also be accessed through [www.adem.alabama.gov](http://www.adem.alabama.gov) by choosing the "ADEM Programs", "Air Division", and the "Visible Emissions" tab. The on-line registration method allows the use of **credit cards** and **e-checks** for fee payment.

**Note:** Faxed applications will not be processed until payment is received.

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
Lecture	March 20-31, 2023	8:00 a.m.
Field Days 1 & 2	April 11-12, 2023	8:00 a.m.
Field Day 3*	April 13, 2023	8:00 a.m.

**Lecture – on-line enrollment link will be sent via email on March 20, 2023 and class will remain open until March 31, 2023.**

**Field – Sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m.**

**- \*3<sup>rd</sup> day is a contingency day and only used on an "as needed" basis for weather delays**

## **GENERAL SMOKE SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**LOCATIONS:**      **Lecture** – Online via the Canvas website

**Field** – Chisholm Community Center  
545 East Vandiver Blvd, Montgomery, AL  
\*\*Across from Montgomery Zoo, open grass/soccer field north of  
the Center

**FEES:**              **\$360.00** – Lecture with Field  
                         **\$290.00** – Field Portion Only  
                         **\$100.00** – Late Fee (in addition to the registration fee)  
                         **\$ 50.00** – On-site registration (in addition to the registration and late fees)

Note: (Federal, State, and City environmental regulatory personnel are exempt from fees.)

If registering by mail, a check, money order (payable to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management - Air Division), or credit card information must accompany the attached registration form and must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2023. No mail-in applications will be accepted that are postmarked after March 31, 2023, without a late fee. Please send applications to:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
Attention: Air Division – VE Program  
P. O. Box 301463  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463

Fees are non-refundable but may be applied to other personnel or transferred to the next school if necessary.

**LECTURE:** Lecture participants will be required to correctly answer 72% of the test questions on an open book exam in order to qualify for attendance of the field certification program. For your convenience, local maps and hotel locations with rate listings may be obtained at <http://adem.alabama.gov/programs/air/visibleEmissions.cnt>.

**FIELD:** Persons with valid VE certification cards must bring them to the course. Attendees should also bring a chair, a clipboard, and a ballpoint pen. It is important to wear clothing appropriate for the weather conditions. If you have a disability that might require special materials, services, or assistance, or if any further information is needed, please notify Anna Gardner (334) 270-5699, or Mark Davidson at (334) 270-5625.