

**Smiles For Keeps Dentistry**  
**Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**ADEM VCP Site #: 461-073-26021**

**Fact Sheet**

An initial Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Cleanup Plan has been found to be technically adequate by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for the Smiles for Keeps Dentistry site in Birmingham, Alabama. This fact sheet has been prepared to briefly advise the public of the principal legal and policy issues of the VCP.

**I. VCP PROCESS**

The VCP provides a mechanism for the implementation of a cleanup program that encourages applicants to voluntarily assess, remediate, and reuse rural and urban areas of actual or perceived contamination. The program does not relieve any “responsible person” of liability for administrative, civil, or criminal fines or penalties authorized by law and imposed due to illegal or unpermitted disposal of solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous constituents, hazardous substances, petroleum products, and/or pollutants to the land, air, or waters of the State on an identified property.

The program is designed to expedite the voluntary cleanup process and allows entry at any stage of the cleanup process, provided all applicable criteria have been met up to that point.

**II. PROCEDURES FOR REACHING A FINAL DECISION**

ADEM is proposing to issue an environmental covenant for the Smiles for Keeps Dentistry site. The covenant will be implemented to restrict specific future uses of the property and to ensure continued protection of human health and the environment.

ADEM Admin Code R. 335-15-6-.02 requires a 30-day public comment period from the date of notice. The comment period will begin on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, which is the date of publication of the public notice in local newspaper(s) of general circulation, and will end on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

All persons wishing to comment on the proposed VCP Remediation should submit their comments in writing to: ADEM, Permits and Services Division 1400 Coliseum Blvd. (Zip 36110) P.O. Box 301463 (Zip 36130-1463) Montgomery, Alabama, ATTENTION: Mr. Russell Kelly. Written comments must be received by November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

ADEM will consider all timely written comments before making a final decision. Once a decision is reached, ADEM will notify the applicant and all individuals who submitted comments or requested notification.

### **III. FACILITY DESIGN AND REMEDIATION PLAN**

Bullock Environmental, LLC has conducted site assessment activities under the VCP at the Smiles for Keeps Dentistry, located in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama. The property is a dentist office and was historically operated as a dry cleaner and gas station. Site assessments detected contaminants below EPA screening levels and do not require active remediation. An environmental covenant will be established too:

- Restrict the use of the property to commercial or industrial purposes only
- Prohibit the use of on-site groundwater for potable or irrigation purposes

### **IV. TECHNICAL CONTACT**

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Industrial Hazardous Waste Branch  
Land Division  
Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
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**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
NOTICE OF A PROPOSED VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PLAN UNDER THE ALABAMA LAND  
RECYCLING AND ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT ACT (ALRERA) AND REQUEST FOR  
COMMENTS  
PUBLIC NOTICE - 461**

**Jefferson County**

**Bullock Environmental LLC** has submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Plan on behalf of M&D Dental Properties, LLC for the facility located at **5500 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, Birmingham, in Jefferson County, Alabama**. The site has undergone extensive soil and groundwater sampling and will be subject to remedial activities. ADEM has completed the review of the draft Voluntary Cleanup Plan and found the plan to be technically adequate. The property will require institutional and engineering controls to be used at the site.

Copies of the fact sheet and Voluntary Cleanup Plan are available for public inspection electronically via <http://adem.alabama.gov/newsEvents/publicNotices.cnt>, and at the following location Monday – Friday (except legal holidays) during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for 30 days from the date of this notice. A nominal fee for copying and/or mailing may be charged. Arrangements for copying should be made in advance.

**Russell A. Kelly, Chief  
Permits and Services Division  
Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
P.O. Box 301463 (Zip 36130-1463)  
1400 Coliseum Boulevard (Zip 36110-2400)  
Montgomery, Alabama  
(334) 271-7714**

Persons wishing to comment may do so, in writing, to the Department's named contact above within 30 days following the publication date of this notice. In order to affect final decisions, comments must offer technically substantial information that is applicable to the proposed plan.

The Department maintains a list of interested individuals who are mailed legal notices regarding proposed permits. If you wish to receive such notices, contact the Permits & Services Division via telephone (334-271-7714), e-mail ([permitsmail@adem.alabama.gov](mailto:permitsmail@adem.alabama.gov)), or postal service (P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, AL 36130-1463).

This notice is hereby given on **14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2026**, by authorization of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

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**Edward F. Poolos, Director**

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