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ADEM Providing Albertville with \$6.3 Million in Low Interest Loans and Grant Funds

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has announced it is providing the City of Albertville with \$6.3 million in low interest loans and grant funds to support energy efficiency upgrades at one of their wastewater treatment plants. The majority of the funds, \$6.04 million will originate from the ADEM Clean Water State Revolving Fund while the remaining \$260,000 will originate from a clean air agreement that was signed between the Tennessee Valley Authority, the State of Alabama, and other entities.

The funds will be utilized to support the installation of equipment that will enhance wastewater treatment performance and biosolids disposal at the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant. The installation of the new, energy efficient equipment will result in significantly reduced operational energy costs and an energy savings of approximately \$26,000 per year. Once installed, the energy efficient equipment will reduce energy consumption at the plant by almost 300,000 kilowatt hours per year. In addition, this project is one of several projects that will be implemented in north Alabama resulting in an overall reduction of approximately 20 tons per year of sulfur dioxide.

“I am pleased that ADEM can use its financial and technical resources to support these energy efficient upgrades,” said ADEM Director Lance LeFleur. “These funds will allow the City of Albertville to improve its wastewater treatment capabilities and also allow them to do it in an energy efficient manner which will save money, reduce air emissions, and conserve natural resources.”

The ADEM Clean Water State Revolving Fund provides financial assistance to local communities to ensure the proper collection and treatment of wastewater. This allows those local communities to support population growth and economic development without jeopardizing local water quality.

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