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Cleanup of Scrap Tire Dump Improves Environment

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is pleased to announce the completion of the cleanup of a large, unauthorized scrap tire dump in Geneva County near Samson. The removal of the scrap tires and tire materials from the site began in October 2010 with the support of ADEM and the Alabama Scrap Tire Commission.

The work was completed in fifteen months and was performed by HDH General Contractors of Mobile, in conjunction with Verdant Environmental of Omaha, Nebraska. The contractor removed from the site nearly 3.2 million pounds of scrap tire materials, the equivalent of nearly 1,600,000 passenger tires, and over 50 percent of the scrap tire material removed was beneficially re-used in lieu of landfill disposal. The completion of this project marked the fourth completed cleanup of a large-scale unauthorized scrap tire dump overseen by ADEM and funded by the Alabama Scrap Tire Fund.

The Geneva site was selected for cleanup based on a statewide prioritization process that utilized specific site ranking factors including the estimated volume of scrap tires, the proximity to residential areas/schools/health care facilities, and the potential human health and environmental threats posed by the site. ADEM used a stringent pre-qualifying process to assure interested remediation contractors had the appropriate experience, proper equipment, and sufficient financial resources to accomplish the cleanup. In addition, ADEM conducted oversight activities during the cleanup to monitor the progress of the project.

To date, more than 7 million scrap tires have been removed from large, unauthorized scrap tire dumps in Alabama. The majority of the material that has been removed from these sites has been beneficially re-used in manufacturing, or as an industrial fuel. The cleanup of these scrap tire dumps not only restores Alabama's environment but the beneficial re-use of the scrap tire materials helps to conserve landfill space and preserve natural resources.

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