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Partnerships Reduce Diesel Emissions

MONTGOMERY – In the latest example of actions to reduce diesel emissions and improve air quality, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management is partnering with Church Transportation and Logistics, Inc., in Birmingham to utilize funding under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act.

ADEM has been awarded funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the State Clean Diesel Program and uses those funds in areas that are exceeding, or are close to exceeding, the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Church Transportation has agreed to install devices on some of its fleet of diesel vehicles in its transportation and logistics services in order to reduce air emissions. After providing a 50 percent match for the project, Church Transportation will utilize approximately \$67,000 of the DERA grant to retrofit 18 of its diesel vehicles with battery powered units that have been approved by EPA. These units will help to reduce emissions by decreasing the amount of time each vehicle idles.

Church Transportation has agreed to have the project completed by August 31.