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ADEM Funding County Clean Up

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is launching a new grant program that will help counties clean up trash and garbage from their roadways.

The right of way program is available to all 67 counties and will enable them to clean up roadside wastes and be reimbursed by ADEM for their work. ADEM has contacted every county and informed them of the funding, which is part of the Department's continuing effort to clean up unauthorized dumps across the state. After the work is completed, the county can submit requests for reimbursement within 30 days of the project's completion. ADEM will issue reimbursements on a county-by-county basis for the projects that are approved in advance.

"This interagency, cooperative agreement can be a win for the counties that participate because it will allow them to do cleanup work on their road rights of way that they otherwise would not have been able to do because of the costs," said ADEM Director Lance LeFleur. "It is also a win for the people of Alabama, underscoring ADEM's commitment to safeguarding the state's environment."

The new program is similar to the Department's existing right-of-way cleanup program for scrap tires.

LeFleur said the two programs help ADEM strengthen relationships with local communities all across the state, and increases environmental awareness.

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