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ADEM Partners with Alabama State Port Authority to Reduce Diesel Emissions

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) is partnering with the Alabama State Port Authority (ASPA) in Mobile to utilize funding under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) to reduce diesel emissions. ADEM has been awarded funds for the State Clean Diesel Program and has chosen to apply those funds in areas that show the highest air pollutant levels.

The ASPA utilizes a fleet of diesel locomotives to transport materials and has agreed to partner with ADEM to install automatic shut-down/start-up systems on several of these locomotives in order to reduce diesel emissions. ASPA will expend about \$46,000, and the grant from ADEM will add \$31,000 to retrofit four of ASPA's diesel locomotives with idle control systems that have been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These units will help to reduce emissions by reducing the amount of time the locomotives spend idling.

“We are pleased to partner with ADEM to further the Port Authority's ongoing objectives to reduce emissions at the Port of Mobile,” said James K. Lyons, chief executive for the Alabama State Port Authority. The automatic shut-down/start-up technology grant will upgrade four locomotives on the Port Authority's Terminal Railway (TASD). Three of the railroad's locomotives already carry the technology. The ASPA plans to complete the project by August 28, 2015.

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