

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ: We appreciate everyone's involvement in our paper and online petition. They both are making it very clear where the *East Lauderdale Environment Conscious Citizens* (ELECC) stand. The approval of this permit would put the general public at a health risk and could cause an environmental catastrophe. The online signatures and comments are growing daily and our paper petition is now at over 7200 signatures. Please continue your support with both, but do realize that all comments you wish to make to ADEM within the 30 day public notice period that starts January 17, 2008 and ends on February 15, 2008, must be done with in that time frame and properly.

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Persons wishing to comment may do so, in writing, to the Department's named contact above within 30 days following the publication date of the notice. **COMMENTERS SHOULD IDENTIFY THE APPROPRIATE NPDES NUMBER ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THEIR COMMENTS.** In order to affect final decisions, comments must offer technically substantial information that is applicable to the proposed permit.

A written request for a public hearing may also be filed within that 30-day period and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever it is found, on the basis of hearing requests, that there exists a significant degree of public interest in the permit application or draft permit. The Director may also hold a hearing if he determines that it would clarify one or more issues involved in the permit decision.

After consideration of all written comments, review of any public hearing record, and consideration of the requirements of the Alabama Water Pollution Control Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and applicable regulations, the Department will make a final determination on permit issuance. The Department will develop a response to comments, which will become part of the public record and will be available to persons upon request. Notice will

be sent to any person requesting notice of the final action.

The Department maintains a list of interested individuals who are mailed legal notices regarding proposed permits. If you wish to receive such notices, contact the Permits & Services Division via telephone (334-271-7714), e-mail (permitsmail@adem.state.al.us), or postal service (P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, AL 36130-1463).