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ADEM Partners with Piggly Wiggly to Reduce Diesel Emissions

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is partnering with Piggly Wiggly Alabama Distributing Co. Inc. in Bessemer, to utilize funding under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) to reduce diesel emissions through an idle reduction project.

Piggly Wiggly will be replacing 12 of its refrigerated trailers equipped with diesel-only transport refrigeration units (TRUs) with new, more efficient trailers equipped with hybrid-electric TRUs. In addition to the new hybrid-electric TRUs, 51 electrified parking spaces will be installed.

The electrified parking spaces give the hybrid-electric TRUs the ability to refrigerate the trailers using electricity, which will reduce approximately five to ten hours per day of diesel engine idling per trailer.

ADEM has awarded Piggly Wiggly \$328,000 through the State Clean Diesel Program to partially fund the project.

The project is scheduled for completion by August 31.

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