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ADEM Partners with Piggly Wiggly Alabama Distributing to Reduce Diesel Emissions

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

PWADC will replace 12 refrigerated trailers equipped with diesel-only transport refrigeration units (TRUs) with new, more efficient trailers equipped with hybrid-electric TRUs. The new hybrid-electric TRUs will benefit from a 2016 DERA-funded project in which 51 electrified parking spaces were installed. The electrified parking spaces give the hybrid-electric TRUs the ability to refrigerate the trailers using electricity, which will reduce approximately 5 to 10 hours per day of diesel engine idling per trailer.

ADEM has awarded PWADC \$175,636 through the State Clean Diesel Program to partially fund the project.

The project is scheduled for completion by August 31, 2018.

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