

Media Release



Coliseum Boulevard Plume

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SUBJECT: New Round of Groundwater Protection Program Meetings Set

Invitation letters are being sent out announcing a series of three availability sessions to the owners of the approximately 170 remaining properties that are eligible but have not signed up for the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) program to restrict the use of groundwater (not drinking water) in the Coliseum Boulevard Plume (CBP) area. More than 2000 of the properties have already signed up and are included in the program.

The owners of the remaining properties may be eligible to receive a payment from ALDOT for their participation in this program. The payment, equal to approximately five percent of the appraised value of their property,* is in exchange for their agreement not to drill a well on their property or use the groundwater underneath the property. (*5.1 percent of the Montgomery Alabama Tax Assessed Value as of 2006)

ALDOT has been investigating groundwater in the general area of Coliseum Boulevard because it contains trichloroethylene ("TCE"), a common solvent. The CBP area includes parts of the Vista View, Highland Gardens, Chisholm, and Eastern Meadows neighborhoods.

In the CBP, the groundwater (water about 15 to 20 feet under the land surface) is not used for drinking water. Drinking water in Montgomery is provided by the Montgomery Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board and piped from sources far away from the CBP.

These meetings are another in the ongoing series of community meetings conducted by ALDOT and representatives will be on hand to explain the program and answer questions.

Location: Mann Conference Center
Montgomery Zoo
329 Vandiver Boulevard

Days & Times: Thursday, October 23, 2008, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Friday, October 24, 2008, 8:00 am - 1:30 pm
Saturday, November 8, 2008, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm