



# ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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## Form 8A – LETTER TO STAKEHOLDERS

Date:

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Reference: Alabama Department of Transportation  
Coliseum Boulevard Plume Institutional Control Program

The shallow groundwater (the water 10-50 feet or more below land surface) in an area in north Montgomery, Alabama (see attached map) contains concentrations of trichloroethylene (“TCE”). The area is commonly referred to as the Coliseum Boulevard Plume (“CBP”).

TCE is a common solvent often used in testing laboratories. Investigations of the CBP showed that waste TCE from an asphalt test facility of the Alabama Department of Transportation (“ALDOT”) leaked into the groundwater after it was discarded in the sewer system and/or the ground near the facility in accordance with manufacturer’s recommendations. To prevent exposure to the groundwater, ALDOT obtained from CBP property owners environmental covenants (“Covenants”) that contain a permanent deed restriction that prohibits access and use of the groundwater (for example, drilling a well or installing a swimming pool) without approval of ALDOT. The Covenants are recorded at the office of the Montgomery County Judge of Probate. Pursuant to the Alabama Uniform Environmental Covenant Act (Alabama Code §35-19-1, *et seq.*), the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (“ADEM”), is also authorized to enforce the deed restrictions on groundwater access and use. (*See ADEM Admin. Code 335-5-1, et seq.*).

If you have a project that will require you to drill or excavate in the CBP area at depths that may result in contact with groundwater, please contact ALDOT prior to the start of the project. We will promptly respond to discuss your project. If you confirm that your project may result in contact with the groundwater, we can provide information that may help you protect your workers and others from TCE exposure and prevent TCE contamination from entering the deeper aquifers. Also, we will send you periodic updates about the CBP as part of our on-going effort to involve and inform the community.

For more information about the CBP, you may visit our website at [www.coliseumboulevardplume.com](http://www.coliseumboulevardplume.com). If you have any questions or comments about the CBP, call the CBP 24-Hour Information Line (334-353-6635), email us at [cbpinfo@dot.state.al.us](mailto:cbpinfo@dot.state.al.us) or contact Buddy Cox with ALDOT at 334-206-2201 or Ashley Mastin with ADEM at (334) 271-7797.

Sincerely,

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