Finding Documents Using eFile

Direct web link for eFile: http://edocs.adem.alabama.gov/eFile/

Over 1 Million electronic documents are freely available to the public from the ADEM eFile web application. These documents include permits, inspection reports, complaints, compliance reports, enforcement actions, and a host of other documents. In fact, over 400 different types of documents may be specified in a document search. – Appendix A provides a complete list of the document type. – This list is also provided via a link on the eFile web page.

Documents in eFile may be located using a variety of search criteria:

Permit number Master Id number Media Area (Land, Air, Water) Date Range Document Type

Facility Name

These search criteria may be used in combination with each other in order to narrow the search and provide the user with a smaller list of documents to review/download.

The eFile Web Page And Its Components:

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Example 1:

Lets say we are interested in documents related to a facility that processes wastewater in Talladega county in the city of Talladega, but we do not know the permit number. Here are the steps that we are going to follow:

- 1. Go the ADEM web page at <u>www.adem.state.al.us</u> and click on the eFile link
- 2. Begin creating your search by giving some basic information, such as media area. Since we are looking for documents related to a wastewater treatment plant, click on the checkbox beside the Water media area.
- 3. We then use the County drop-down menu to select Talladega as the county.
- 4. Click on "Search" to perform the search.

The following slides will show where to enter this information on the eFile web page so that you can perform a search for electronic documents.

We will also show you how to refine the list of electronic documents so that the number presented for your review is manageable.

Example 1: Finding documents related to a wastewater treatment plant in Talladega county, in the City of Talladega.



1. Go the ADEM web page at <u>www.adem.state.al.</u> <u>us</u> and click on the eFile link. **Example 1:** Finding documents related to a wastewater treatment plant in Talladega county, in the City of Talladega.

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2. Begin creating your search by giving some basic information, such as media area.

Since we are looking for documents related to wastewater treatment plant, click on the checkbox beside the Water media area.

Since we know that the facility is in Talladega county we will use the County drop-down menu to select Talladega county. **Example 1:** After selecting Talladega county from the county drop-down menu your eFile document search screen should look like:

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Disclaimer	Permit Number: County: File Name: Document Date:	Find a Master ID TALLADEGA
	Document Category/Type:	Date Range Category: Custom Query
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Example 1: Since this search is general, many documents will be returned. – We will examine how to narrow our search so that a manageable number of documents will be presented for review.

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Example 1: We will enter a document date range of 1/1/2011 - 12-31-2011 in order to narrow down the list of documents:

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	Document Category/Type:	Category: Custom Query Search Clear Click on have en	the "Search" button once you tered the dates.



Example 1: We now see that we have 1531 documents that fit our search criteria.

Tip: Clicking on the column headings will sort the list of documents. – The second time you click it sorts in reverse order.

Example 1: We will now click on the drop-down menu for "Document Category/Type" ... click on the "Permitting " entry ... then click the Search button:

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Disclaimer	Permit Number: County: File Name: Document Date:	TALLADEGA Start: 1/1/2011 End: 12/31/2011				
	Document Category/Type:	Category:				

Example 1: The list is now down to a more manageable 132 documents:



Example 1: As we review the list of document we notice, on the fourth page an entry for "TALLADEGA CITY OF WATER AND SEWER BD." - There are several entries so we are going to open some documents and see if any of them are what we are looking for.

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Clicking on "Download" allows you to EITHER open the document for review OR save the electronic document on your computer. **Example 1:** Here is what we see when we click on the "Download" link for the first document:



Example 1: Here is what we see when we click on the "Open" button:



Example 1: For this example we will say that we have found the facility of interest. – It has a permit number of AL0054658. – **Now we will use this permit number to find documents specific to this facility:**

MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION (MWPP)

Note the facility name		ANNUAL REPOR	Τ	Note the permit number. – You may wish to
		SUBMITTED BY:		make a written note of this
	TREATMENT FACILITY: Talladega Airport WWTP MUNICIPALITY: Talladega CONTACT PERSON: Cathy Fuller		NPDES #:	plan on reviewing eFile documents for
			_ COUNTY: <u>Talladega</u>	
				this facility in
		Municipal Official		the future.
		Director of Operations		
		Title		

Example 1: Click the "Clear" button, check the "Water" media area, and enter the permit number AL0054658 in the "Permit Number" field, then click the "Search" button:



Example 1: Here is what we see when we search using the permit number (AL0054658), and "Water" as the media area, in the eFile search criteria:

104 Documents Found

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		<u>Master</u> <u>ID</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Permit</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>File Name</u>
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Click on the page numbers to go deeper into the list of documents.

 Click on "Download" to open or to save the document to you computer.

Example 2:

We are interested in finding public notices between 11/1/2011 and 1/15/2012:

Here are the steps that we are going to follow:

- 1. Go the ADEM web page at <u>www.adem.state.al.us</u> and click on the eFile link:
- 2. Begin creating your search by giving some basic information, such as media area. Since we are looking for all public notice documents, click on all three media area checkboxes (Air, Land and Water).
- 3. Click on the Date Range check box and enter the date range. The Start date will be 11/1/2011 and the End date will be 1/15/2012.
- 4. Select "Public Notices" as the "Document Category/Type."
- 5. Click on "Search" to perform the search.

The following slides will show where to enter this information on the eFile web page.

Example 2:

We are interested in finding public notices between 11/1/2011 and 1/15/2012:

1. Go the ADEM web page at <u>www.adem.state.al.us</u> and click on the eFile link:



Example 2: Finding public notices between 11/1/2011 and 1/15/2012 :

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Facility:	⊙ Name ○ Master ID <u>Find a Master ID</u>	notices click into the check boxes for all three media areas (Air, Land and Water).
Permit Number:		
County:		▼
File Name:		
Document Date:	Start: 11/1/2011	3. Click on the Date Range check box.
57 documents are found.	End: 1/15/2012	and enter the date range.
Document Category/Type:	Category: Public Notices	• 4. Select "Public Notices" as the "Document Category/Type."
	Search Clear	5. Click on the Search button.

Example 2: Finding public notices between 11/1/2011 and 1/15/2012 :



Tip: You can sort the list of documents by clicking on the column headings. - Clicking a second time reverses the sort order.

Click on the Download link to view or to save the document on your computer.

Tip: If there is a particular facility of interest to you, make a note of their permit number and/or their MasterID number. – These numbers make future searches very quick and provide only the documents related to that facility.

Example 3: Using the Facility Name to Find a Document in eFile

Lets say that we are interested in finding documents related to facilities permitted by the Montgomery Water Works.

Here are the steps that we are going to follow:

- 1. Go the ADEM web page at <u>www.adem.state.al.us</u> and click on the eFile link:
- 2. Begin creating your search by giving some basic information, such as media area. In this example we will check the "Water" media area.
- 3. Click into the "Facility" field. Enter "Montgomery" into the facility name field.
- 4. Since we are looking for relatively new document we will use the "Date Range" feature to restrict the search to the time span of 10/1/2011 to 3/1/2012.
- 5. We will also use the "County" field to further narrow our search. Select the county as "Montgomery" from the drop-down menu.
- 6. Click on "Search" to perform the search.

The following slides will show where the enter this information on the eFile web page.

Example 3: Using the Facility Name to Find a Document in eFile

We are interested in finding facilities belonging to the Montgomery Water works:

1. Go the ADEM web page at <u>www.adem.state.al.us</u> and click on the eFile link:





Example 3: Using the Facility Name to Find a Document in eFile

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• **Example 4:** Find a UST facility-related Document in eFile

ADEM	Alabama Dep	partment of Environmenta	al Management
Menu Main		eFile	Click into the check box for Water.
Director's Correspondence Complaint Disclaimer	Media Area: Facility:	Air Land Airen	Enter the 6-digit Site Number in the format: %123456%
How-To Guide	Permit Number: County: File Name: Document Date: Document Category/Type:	Date Range Category:	
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