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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 335 Department or Agency Environmental Management
Rule No. 335-5-3-.02
Rule Title: Recording of Covenants

 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? YES

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer Nancy Elliott

Date October 22, 2012

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
LAND DIVISION

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

RULE NO. & TITLE 335-5-3-.02 Recording of Covenants (Amend)

INTENDED ACTION:

Revise Division 5 of the ADEM Administrative Code to amend Rule 335-5-3-.02 (Recording of Covenants).

SUBSTANCE OR PROPOSED ACTION:


Revisions to Division 5 are being proposed to amend rule 335-5-3-.02 to clarify programmatic requirements for environmental covenants.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Comments may be submitted in writing or orally at a public hearing to be held December 13, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the ADEM Main Hearing Room, ADEM Building, 1400 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: December 13, 2012

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: James L. Bryant (334)271-7771



Lance R. LeFleur
Director

335-5-3-.02 Recording of Covenants.

(1) An environmental covenant and any amendment or termination of the covenant must be recorded by the owner or operator or other responsible person in every county where any portion of the real property subject to the covenant is located. The environmental covenant shall be indexed to the grantor's property in the land records. For purposes of indexing, a holder shall be treated as a grantee.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in 335-5-4-.01(3), an environmental covenant is subject to the laws of the State governing recording and priority of interests in real property.

(3) Content of Recording Instrument. In lieu of recording the entire covenant, a notice may be recorded which must contain all of the following:

(a) A legally sufficient description and any available street address of the real property subject to the covenant.

(b) The names and addresses of the owner of the fee simple interest in the real property, the Department, and the holder if other than the Department.

(c) A statement that the covenant, amendment, or termination is available in a registry at the Department.

(d) A statement that the notice is notification of an environmental covenant executed pursuant to this Act.

(4) The requirements of 335-5-3-.02(3) are satisfied with a statement, executed with the same formalities as a deed in the State of Alabama, in substantially the following form:

(a) This notice is filed in the land records of the Probate Office of _____ County, Alabama, pursuant to Section 12 of the Alabama Uniform Environmental Covenants Act.

(b) This notice and the covenant, amendment, or termination to which it refers may impose significant obligations with respect to the property described below.

(c) A legal description of the property is attached as Exhibit A to this notice. The address of the property that is subject to the environmental covenant is [insert address of property] [not available].

(d) The name and address of the owner of the fee simple interest in the real property on the date of this notice is [insert name of current owner of the property and the owner's current address as shown on the tax records of the jurisdiction in which the property is located].

(e) The environmental covenant, amendment, or termination was signed by the Director of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

(f) The environmental covenant, amendment, or termination was filed in the registry on [insert date of filing].

(g) The full text of the covenant, amendment, or termination and any other information required by the Department is on file and available for inspection and copying in the registry maintained for that purpose by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, §§ 35-19-8; 35-19-12; 35-19-13.

History: May 26, 2009, XXXXXXX, 2013.