

When to use  
**ECHO:**

Learn which facilities  
are releasing into  
your neighborhood  
waterways

Explore the  
pollution record of  
companies in your  
community

Analyze nationwide  
trends in compliance  
and enforcement  
data

When to use  
**ADEM:**

Access the most  
recent documentation  
for a specific company  
or organization

Locate detailed  
information about  
companies' facility  
permits

Review a company's  
comprehensive record  
of communication with  
ADEM

***Agency Contact Info:***

**EPA**

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**ADEM**

[adem.alabama.gov](http://adem.alabama.gov)

334-271-7700

***Look up records on . . .***

**ECHO:**



[echo.epa.gov](http://echo.epa.gov)

**ADEM:**



[app.adem.alabama.gov/eFile](http://app.adem.alabama.gov/eFile)



**Alabama Rivers Alliance**

# What's in your WATER?

How to check pollution records in Alabama and make sure your community is safe.

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***What is a pollution record?***

A pollution record is the paper trail of environmental infractions a company has accumulated.

***Why should I check a company's pollution record?***

Reviewing a company's pollution record will help you understand how that organization is impacting our natural world. Searching for these records may also reveal important issues in your area.

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***What do pollution records include?***

how much pollution is occurring near you

companies' compliance with legal regulations

overall environmental quality of your area

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***Where can I find pollution records?***

Both state and federal agencies make pollution records available online for review.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) e-file database

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ECHO Online Database

Which tool should I use? —————>