

1 HJR325
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3 By Representative Johnson (R)
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 URGING ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
4 MANAGEMENT TO REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE
5 REEF FACILITY IN TALLADEGA COUNTY.

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7 WHEREAS, the REEF Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment
8 Facility located in Talladega County pretreats various and
9 complex industrial wastewaters from multiple locations and
10 discharges to the J. Earl Ham Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

11 WHEREAS, the REEF facility consists of two
12 equalization basins with a reported capacity of approximately
13 3.5 million gallons each and an aeration basin with a capacity
14 of approximately seven million gallons; and

15 WHEREAS, due to concern about the levels of Total
16 Kjehldahl Nitrogen in the water in these basins, discharges to
17 the Ham Plant were suspended in June 2010, and terminated in
18 March 2011; and

19 WHEREAS, the basins at the REEF facility are
20 believed to be full; also there are several above-ground tanks
21 and numerous movable containers at the REEF facility
22 containing waste; and

23 WHEREAS, on September 16, 2010, the Alabama
24 Department of Environmental Management conducted a complaint
25 investigation at the REEF facility and found non-stormwater

1 discharges seeping into Shirtee Creek northwest of the
2 facility; ADEM has further determined that the non-stormwater
3 discharges seeping into Shirtee Creek appear to be originating
4 from the REEF facility; and

5 WHEREAS, ADEM's report of its investigation states
6 that chemicals of concern (COCs) from the REEF facility have
7 been released to soils beneath the facility and it appears
8 that the COCs have migrated in groundwater through fracture
9 flow in bedrock and karst-like structure to seep locations in
10 Shirtee Creek, and these soils represent a potential source of
11 pollutants to waters of the state; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That, by copy of this resolution to
14 the ADEM Director, we urge ADEM to redouble its efforts to
15 ensure the environmental safety of the REEF facility.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 14-APR-11, as amended.

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Adopted

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