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Hazardous Waste Enforcement: Alabama Department of Environmental Management and Glencoe Commercial Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility Enter into Consent Order

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The Alabama Department of Environmental Management ("ADEM") and Clean Earth of Alabama, Inc. ("Clean Earth") entered into a January 10th Consent Order ("CO") addressing alleged violations of the hazardous wastes management regulations. See Consent Order No. 23-XXX-CHW.

The CO provides that Clean Earth operates a permitted commercial hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility ("Facility") in Glencoe, Alabama. Further, the Facility holds an EPA Identification Number.

ADEM personnel are stated to have undertaken a Compliance Evaluation Inspection ("CEI") on January 22, 2022, of the Facility. The CEI and a review of Clean Earth's compliance is stated to have shown the following:

- Failure to mark approximately 24 hazardous waste containers with the date of receipt. Such containers are stated to have been onsite for more than 72 hours.
- Failure to close one 5-gallon hazardous waste container located in Building #1
- Failure to maintain an impervious coating on containment system surfaces
- Failure to mark an identification of hazards on approximately 12 hazardous waste containers
- Failure to transfer hazardous waste from a leaking container to a container that is in good condition

Clean Earth is stated to neither admit nor deny ADEM's contentions.

A civil penalty of \$9,200 is assessed.

A copy of the CO can be downloaded here.