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For Public Dissemination Alabama Drought Declaration

In accordance with the Alabama Drought Planning and Response Act (<u>Code of Ala. 1975</u>, §9-10C-1, et seq.) and the Alabama Drought Management Plan, the ADECA Office of Water Resources (OWR), based on a review of current and anticipated conditions, has declared the following portions of Alabama to be under the specified drought declaration levels.

Declaration Level

Emergency Regions 1, 3, and 4 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties

of: Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Coosa, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, Randolph, Shelby, St. Clair, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Walker, and Winston

Warning Regions 2 and 6 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the

counties of: Autauga, Bibb, Bullock, Elmore, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Lee, Lowndes,

Macon, Marion, Montgomery, Perry, Pickens, Russell, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa

Watch Regions 5 and 8 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties

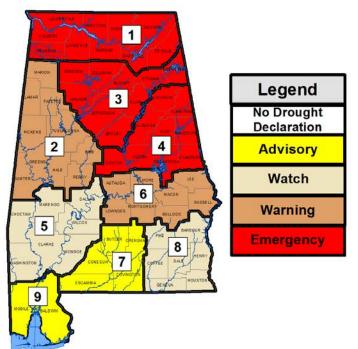
of: Barbour, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Dale, Dallas, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Marengo, Monroe,

Pike, Washington, and Wilcox

Advisory Regions 7 and 9 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties

of: Baldwin, Butler, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Escambia, and Mobile

None None



Conditions across Alabama are continuing to degrade due to very little precipitation and above normal temperatures. Northern, central, and eastern portions of the state are experiencing very low streamflows and reservoir inflows. In addition, groundwater levels are declining. Water managers are urged to carefully monitor water sources and implement water conservation measures as needed. Public water system customers are encouraged to follow their local water system's recommendations regarding water use.

For further information, please visit our web site at http://water.alabama.gov and follow the links to the Office of Water Resources. You may also reach our office at (334) 242-5499, fax at (334) 242-0776, or e-mail at water@adeca.alabama.gov.