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HEALTH DEPT TAKES LEGAL ACTION AGAINST BLUESTONE COKE

August 11, 2021 Jefferson County, AL—On Tuesday the Jefferson County Department of Health filed a Complaint in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County against Bluestone Coke. The Department is seeking civil penalties and injunctive relief under the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act of 1971 (the “Air Pollution Control Act”) and the Jefferson County Board of Health Air Pollution Control Rules and Regulations (the “Regulations”). The lawsuit relates to Bluestone’s violations of the Air Pollution Control Act and the Regulations at Bluestone’s coke production facility in the North Birmingham community of Birmingham, Alabama. In addition, the Department has issued a formal denial of Bluestone’s permit. “Our health department believes it is critically important to enforce and ensure compliance with the Air Pollution Control Act and the Board’s Rules and Regulations, which are in place to protect the public’s health”, says Dr. Mark Wilson, Jefferson County Health Officer. The Department declined to renew Bluestone’s permit based on Bluestone’s inability to operate its machines and equipment in compliance with the Regulations.

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About JCDH

The Jefferson County Department of Health (JCDH) was established in 1917. JCDH serves as the primary resource for public health issues in Jefferson County. JCDH has three health centers strategically located throughout the county. JCDH is responsible for providing health care, preventing the spread of diseases, and protecting against outbreaks. JCDH provides outpatient health care for Jefferson County’s underinsured and uninsured residents. JCDH health centers provide child health, dental health, family planning, immunizations, maternity care, nutrition (WIC), case management, and Medicaid enrollment. JCDH Disease Control Specialty Clinics include: Tuberculosis, Sexual Health, and International Travel Clinics. Vital Records can be obtained for birth, death or marriage events that occurred in the state of Alabama. Environmental Health Services is responsible for Air and Radiation, Food and Lodging, Community Assessment and Community Environmental Protection. For additional information please visit www.jcdh.org