

Tennessee Duck River Development Agency

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Commissioner David Salyers
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
312 Rosa L. Parks Ave
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Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Water Authority of Dickson County waste water discharges into Lick Creek a tributary to the Duck River.

Commissioner Salyers,

As you know the Tennessee Duck River Development Agency (DRA) develops long-term regional water supply plans and implements programs and projects to meet economic growth needs in the Duck River Basin. A large component of the DRA planning efforts is centered around developing sustainable water supplies while protecting the aquatic resource that supports the citizens of the basin. We are currently experiencing greater growth in the basin than we have ever seen.


As DRA develops long-term plans for the basin it is critical we are being informed about all aspects of impacts, which include water withdrawals and waste water discharges, to the Duck River from the origin in Coffee County to the confluence into the Tennessee River.

In regard to potential discharges into Lick Creek such discharges could have a positive impact on our river flows. On the other hand, it could also have negative impacts or change the aquatic dynamics to smaller streams where discharges are often located. The DRA recommends feasibility studies from Water Authority of Dickson County addressing the possibility of taking the proposed waste water discharge to the Duck River or a bigger body of water such as the Cumberland River.

The DRA appreciates the opportunities to work with TDEC to support the best decisions possible while managing one of the most biodiverse aquatic systems in the state and North America to meet all needs.

If you have any questions about our concerns and comments please contact Doug Murphy, DRA Executive Director at (931)684-7820 or doug@duckriveragency.org.

Sincerely,



Tommy Peebles, DRA Chairman

"To develop, protect and maintain a clean and dependable water resource for all citizens in the Duck River Region"
Bedford, Coffee, Hickman, Marshall & Maury Counties