

STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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Doug Kibbey, City Manager City of Clifton 142 Main Street, PO Box 192 Clifton, Tennessee 38425

Subject: Permit Applicant's Responsibility for Local Public Notice

Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit

File# NRS22.158, Tennessee River, Kentucky Reservoir, Wayne County

Dear Mr. Kibbey:

Thank you for your application for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit for the construction of a new 3.0 million gallon per day (MGD) raw water intake structure and withdrawal of up to 1.5 MGD from the Tennessee River in Clifton, Wayne County. The purpose of this work is to serve a proposed new water treatment plant. The Division has begun the public notice process to allow for public comment on the proposed activities described below, and will post a public notice on our website within one week of the date of this letter (see http://tn.gov/environment/topic/ppo-water).

The Rules of the Board of Water Quality Oil and Gas require an applicant for a permit to publish the enclosed public notice one time in the legal notices section of a local newspaper of general circulation. The applicant bears responsibility for any associated costs. The applicant is also required to post and maintain a state issued sign for 30 days within view of a public road in the vicinity of the proposed project site as specified by the Division.

However, since the location of a drinking water intake is confidential, then we request that you post the sign near the road at your office location.

The public notice sign may be obtained at the Columbia Environmental Field Office 1421 Hampshire Pike, Columbia, TN 38401 (931) 380-3371. Using a permanent marker, complete the blank areas on both sides of the public notice sign with the following information:

Applicant: City of Clifton **File#:** NRS22.158

Proposes to: Construct a water intake and withdraw 1.5 million gallons per day from the

Tennessee River

Comment Period: (date posted) through (date 30 days after posting)

Once the notice has been posted for the required period, you must provide proof that the public notification requirements have been met, including proof of newspaper publication and photographic evidence of the sign. Required photographic evidence of the sign includes at least two photographs, one photograph demonstrating that the lettering on the sign is clear and legible and states the correct information, and one photograph that shows the location of the sign.

Proof of publication should be submitted within 45 days of receipt of this letter; failure to do so may result in suspension or possible termination of your application. We cannot take final action on your application until after the public comment period has expired (30 days after the public notice has been published).

Thank you for your attention to these details and fulfilling your obligations in the public notice process. If you have any questions, please contact me at (615) 532-0710.

Sincerely,

Robert Baker

Natural Resources Unit

Robert Baker

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