

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

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February 13, 2024

Robbie Stephens Tennessee Department of Transportation 505 Deaderick Street, Suite 900 J.K. Polk Building Nashville, TN 37243

RE: ARAP Applicant's Responsibility for Public Notification

State Route 222, PIN 132132.04, PE #24S222-S1-003

NRS 23.237, Unnamed Tributaries to Big Muddy Creek and unnamed wetlands

**Fayette County** 

Dear Mr. Stephens:

Thank you for your Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit application submitted to the Division of Water Resources on January 23, 2024. The Division is ready to begin 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 <a href="http://tn.gov/environment/topic/ppo-water">http://tn.gov/environment/topic/ppo-water</a>).

The Rules of the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil, and Gas require the applicant 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 where it is legible from a public road near the proposed activity. The public notice sign may be obtained at the Memphis Environmental Field Office (901-371-3000). Using a permanent marker, complete the blank areas on both sides of the public notice sign with the following information:

**Applicant:** Tennessee Department of Transportation

**File#:** NRS 23.237

**Proposes to:** Impact to two streams and three wetlands for widening of SR

222 for access to Project Blue Oval.

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

Please Note: State-issued public notification signs are available at any of the Division's Environmental Field offices.

Once the notice has been posted for the required period of time, you must provide proof 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 two photographs, one photograph demonstrating the lettering on the sign is clear and legible and one photograph establishing sign location. Proof of publication should be submitted within 45 days of receipt of this letter, failure to do so will result in suspension of application processing and 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) 804-2409.

Sincerely,

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