



DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES MINING SECTION

Public Participation Opportunities Request for Public Comments Draft Permit Actions

October 21, 2021

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Last Day to Comment: November 22, 2021

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following proposed permit actions and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment. The draft permits and applications are available in the Water Resources Permits Data Viewer at: www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec/tdec-dataviewers.html.

Individual NPDES Permits

Coal Proposed Modification/Reissuance

Applicant	DRC Coal, LLC				
Facility	Cooper Ridge Area 2				
Permit Number	TN0072567	Permit Writer Initials	DRM	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Claiborne			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	Rock Creek Ridge Road				
City and Zip Code	Clairfield 37715				
Description of Activity	Bituminous Coal Surface Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Streams	Unnamed tributary to Spar Branch, Straight Creek, and unnamed tributaries to Straight Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.553611	Longitude	-83.915556	

Non-Coal Proposed Modification/Reissuances

Applicant	Lhoist North America of Tennessee, LLC dba Spinks Clay Company				
Facility	Mine 30 - Gabel				
Permit Number	TN0072800	Permit Writer Initials	BJC	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Henry			EFO Name	Jackson
Street Address	Ben Smith Road				
City and Zip Code	Henry 38324				
Description of Activity	Ball Clay Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Spring Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.1942	Longitude	-88.4642	

Applicant	O'Neal Melton & Sons, Inc.				
Facility	O'Neal Melton & Sons Mine				
Permit Number	TN0070025	Permit Writer Initials	CMP	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Benton			EFO Name	Jackson
Street Address	5095 Highway 70 West				
City and Zip Code	Camden 38320				
Description of Activity	Industrial Sand Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Hunting Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.04263	Longitude	-88.1825	

Applicant	SRM Materials, LLC				
Facility	Woodbury Quarry				
Permit Number	TN0069558	Permit Writer Initials	BJC	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Cannon			EFO Name	Cookeville
Street Address	1327 John Bragg Highway				
City and Zip Code	Woodbury 37190				
Description of Activity	Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	East Fork Stones River				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.821377	Longitude	-86.091493	

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuances

Applicant	BWI ETN LLC dba Blue Water Industries				
Facility	BWI Elizabethton Quarry				
Permit Number	TN0068977	Permit Writer Initials	GEK	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Carter			EFO Name	Johnson City
Street Address	210 Judge Ben Allen Road				
City and Zip Code	Elizabethton 37643				
Description of Activity	Construction Sand and Gravel Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Davis Branch				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.38175	Longitude	-82.182583	

Applicant **Old Hickory Clay Company**
Facility **Guill Mine - No. 6**
Permit Number **TN0079677** Permit Writer Initials **BJC** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Carroll** EFO Name **Jackson**
Street Address Shady Grove Road
City and Zip Code McKenzie 38201
Description of Activity Ball Clay Mining
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Stream Plum Creek
Facility Location Latitude 36.1069 Longitude -88.6164

Applicant **Radford Quarries of Boone, Inc.**
Facility **Doe Creek Quartzite Mine**
Permit Number **TN0071277** Permit Writer Initials **BJC** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Johnson** EFO Name **Johnson City**
Street Address 501 Doe Creek Road
City and Zip Code Butler 37640
Description of Activity Quartzite, Crushed and Broken Quarrying
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Streams Doe Creek, Stalcup Branch
Facility Location Latitude 36.38556 Longitude -81.965

Non-Coal Proposed Revocation and Reissuance/Modification

Applicant **Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC**
Facility **Kingsport Quarry**
Permit Number **TN0066362** Permit Writer Initials **CMP** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Sullivan** EFO Name **Johnson City**
Street Address 400 Deneen Lane
City and Zip Code Kingsport 37920
Description of Activity Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Stream North Fork Holston River
Facility Location Latitude 35.5651 Longitude -82.6094

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How to Comment

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is requesting public comments on the proposed permit actions. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure quality decisions. Persons wishing to comment on the proposed permit actions may submit comments in writing to the Mining Section at the Knoxville Environmental Field Office, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator; by fax to (865) 594-6105; or by e-mail to Dennis.Conger@tn.gov. Comments must be received before the close of the comment period (see page 1).

How to Request a Public Hearing

Interested persons may request in writing that the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed before the close of the comment period. You must indicate the interest of the party requesting a hearing, the reasons that a hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, the Division will hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (12). A separate public notice will announce the public hearing.

How the Department Will Proceed

The Director of the Division of Water Resources will determine the final permit action after considering comments submitted during the comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of Federal and State acts and regulations.

To Obtain Permit Details

Copies of the applications, draft permits, and supporting documentation are maintained in the Mining Section's permit files at the Knoxville Environmental Field Office. There is a nominal fee for copying. The files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours. E-mail Kara.Blevins@tn.gov or call (865) 594-5460 to schedule an appointment for the review.

State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is found in Rule 0400-40-03-.06 of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The primary purpose of the antidegradation policy is to establish a greater level of protection for high quality waters. Some high quality waters are in near pristine condition. Others are determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features.

Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Outstanding National Resource Waters receive the greatest level of protection. The Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas designates these waters. New discharges or expansion of existing discharges cannot degrade existing water quality. The Department identifies other high quality waters known as Exceptional Tennessee Waters and protects against their degradation. The Department may allow some degradation if the Department deems it economically and socially necessary.

Non-Exceptional Tennessee Waters refer to surface waters that do not have the identification and/or designation as high quality. These waters must achieve and maintain Tennessee's Water Quality Standards.

State of Tennessee Policy of Non-Discrimination

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's policy of non-discrimination, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or military service in its policies, or in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs, services or activities. You may direct any Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action inquiries or complaints to the EEO/AA Coordinator, Office of General Counsel, William R. Snodgrass - TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, TN 37243-1102 or telephone 1-888-867-7455. Direct any Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) inquiries or complaints to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, William R. Snodgrass - TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor, Nashville, TN 37243-1102 or telephone 1-888-867-7455. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298). If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC may be able to provide translation or interpretation services free of charge. Please contact Saul Castillo at (615) 532-0462 for more information.