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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Issuance of NPDES Permit

Public Notice M2021-08

May 18, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; the Division of Water Resources will hold the following public hearing pursuant to Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (8) of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

June 23, 2021
6:00 p.m. CDT
Erin City Hall
15 Hill Street
Erin, TN 37061

The public hearing will be presented via video-teleconference and may be attended online, by phone, or in-person at the address above. Information describing how to join online or by phone is provided below. The Division will hold a preliminary technical session with the public from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for discussion and review of the permit application and plans. The formal public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. At the hearing, the Division will receive public comments concerning the proposed issuance of an NPDES permit to the following applicant:

Company Information

Mr. Nate Pulley
Yellow Creek Stone
337 Huff Hollow Lane
Tennessee Ridge, TN 37178

Site Information

Yellow Creek Stone Quarry
Ellis Mills Road
Houston County
NPDES Permit TN0070661 (Draft)

The application and draft permit are available on the Division's Data Viewer at http://environment-online.state.tn.us:8080/pls/enf_reports/f?p=9034:34001. This is a proposed new NPDES permit for a limestone quarry and processing facility located at latitude 36.3170 and longitude -87.5557. The facility consists of 55.3 acres. The receiving stream for the proposed discharge is an unnamed tributary to Yellow Creek (Indian Branch). If you have any questions related to the proposed NPDES permit, contact Chris Pracheil at (865) 594-5610 or Christopher.Pracheil@tn.gov.

The public hearing is being held by TDEC in response to interest and concerns within the local community about the proposed site. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information from the public relevant to a final decision on the permit application. Comments not related to water quality or to the information contained in the permit application will not be considered in the NPDES decision-making process. Issues such as air quality, zoning, blasting, noise, dust, and traffic are not related to water quality and are not regulated by the Division of Water Resources or the NPDES program; therefore, consideration of these issues would not contribute relevant information for the proposed NPDES permit.

The hearing officer may limit the length of oral comments to five minutes and will require that all comments be relevant to NPDES water quality-related issues. Undue repetition in oral presentations should be avoided so that all interested parties will have an opportunity to present their concerns. Written comments related to the NPDES permit will be accepted at the hearing and at TDEC until **July 2, 2021**. Written comments will be afforded the same consideration as verbal testimony.

The public hearing will be presented online through a Microsoft Teams meeting. Participants may join online using the website link below or call in by phone (audio only). Participants are highly encouraged to join online to view maps, pictures, and other content that will be shared by the Division. Prior to opening the formal public hearing, an informational session will be held at 5:00 p.m. CDT. The videoconference will open to participants at 4:45 p.m. The informational session will allow participants to ask questions informally and receive input from TDEC staff. The formal hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. Once the formal public hearing begins, the question and answer format will end, and all public comments will be collected for the hearing record without response from TDEC during the hearing.

Information regarding how to join by computer will be posted to the following website:

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/ppo-public-participation/ppo-public-participation/ppo-water.html>

Join by phone: 1-629-209-4396

Phone Conference ID: 305 485 091#

If you have difficulty connecting to the hearing, please call: (865) 594-5543

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings or review the file should contact TDEC to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact may be by writing, telephone, or other means. Contact the ADA Coordinator at (866) 253-5827 for further information. Such contact should be made no later than ten working days prior to the hearing to allow time to provide such aid or services. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).

Please submit any written comments to the Division at the address above or to Dennis.Conger@tn.gov. **The last to day to submit comments for the hearing record is July 2, 2021.**