



**Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation**  
**Division of Water Pollution Control**  
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**Public Participation Opportunities**

**November 21, 2011**

**Public Notice M2011-18**

**Last Day to Submit Comments: December 28, 2011**

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following draft environmental permits and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment.

**Individual NPDES Permits**

***Non-Coal Proposed Reissuances***

Applicant **Middle Quarry**  
Facility **Quartzite Mine**  
NPDES Permit Number **TN0079405**  
County **Johnson**  
Street Address **Doe Creek Road (SR 167)**  
City **Butler**  
Zip **37640**  
Description of Activity **Quartzite mining and processing**  
Receiving Stream **Unnamed tributary to Doe Creek**  
Effluent Description **Treated wastewater and stormwater**  
Facility Latitude **36°23'11"**  
Facility Longitude **81°57'56"**  
Permit Writer **KBG**

Applicant **SCP Investments LLC**  
Facility **Crab Orchard Quarry**  
NPDES Permit Number **TN0079618**  
County **Cumberland**  
Street Address **323 Crab Orchard Quarry Road**  
City **Crab Orchard**  
Zip **37723**  
Description of Activity **Limestone quarrying and processing**  
Receiving Stream **Unnamed tributary to Baker Branch**  
Effluent Description **Treated wastewater and stormwater**  
Facility Latitude **35°54'37"**  
Facility Longitude **84°52'17"**  
Permit Writer **BFS**

***Non-Coal Proposed Modification/Reissuance***

Applicant **Vulcan Construction Materials LP**  
Facility **Sweetwater Quarry**  
NPDES Permit Number **TN0068969**  
County **Monroe**  
Street Address **1700 Sands Road**  
City **Sweetwater**  
Zip **37874**  
Description of Activity **Limestone quarrying and processing**  
Receiving Stream **Fork Creek**  
Effluent Description **Treated wastewater and stormwater**  
Facility Latitude **35°36'00"**  
Facility Longitude **84°22'30"**  
Permit Writer **MES**

***Coal Proposed Termination***

Applicant **Mountainside Coal Company**  
Facility **Cooper Ridge Area 1**  
NPDES Permit Number **TN0072281**  
County **Claiborne**  
Street Address **Rock Creek Road**  
City **Clairfield**  
Zip **37715**  
Description of Activity **Reclaimed surface coal mine**  
Receiving Streams **Straight Creek and Nolan Branch**  
Effluent Description **Treated wastewater and stormwater**  
Facility Latitude **36°33'13"**  
Facility Longitude **83°54'47"**  
Permit Writer **JPJ**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is requesting public comment on these 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 these proposed actions may submit comments in writing to the Mining Section at the above letterhead address, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator, by fax (865) 594-6105 or by e-mail at [Gary.Mullins@tn.gov](mailto:Gary.Mullins@tn.gov). The Division must receive your comments before the close of the comment period date (see page 1).

**How to Request a Public Hearing:**

Interested persons may request in writing that the Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control hold a public hearing on any application. The Division must receive your request before the close of the comment period. You must indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons for the hearing. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, a hearing will be conducted according to *Rule 1200-4-5-.06 (12)* of the Division of Water Pollution Control. A separate public notice will announce the public hearing.

### **How the Department Will Proceed:**

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

### **To Obtain Permit Details:**

Draft permits contain Antidegradation Determinations and Rationales that address information concerning the foundation for the Division's determinations. Copies of the applications, draft permits, and supporting documentation are in the permit files maintained at the Mining Section's office located at the letterhead address. There is a nominal fee for copying. These files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours. Please email [Kara.Blevins@tn.gov](mailto:Kara.Blevins@tn.gov) or call (865) 594-5460 to schedule an appointment for the review.

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### **State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy**

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is in *Rule 1200-4-3-.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 (ONRWs) receive the greatest level of protection. The Water Quality Control Board 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 (ETWs) 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, 401 Church Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, L & C Tower, Nashville, TN 37243, 1-888-867-7455. Direct any Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) inquiries or complaints to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, 401 Church Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, L & C Tower, Nashville, TN 37243, 1-866-253-5827. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).