



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

Public Notice M2012-2

February 8, 2012

Last Day to Submit Comments: March 12, 2012

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

Coal Proposed Reissuance

Applicant **S & H Mining, Inc.**
Facility **Deep Mine 11**
NPDES Permit Number **TN0072168**
County **Campbell**
Street Address **Stony Fork on Cross Mountain**
City **Briceville**
Zip **37710**
Description of Activity **Underground coal mine**
Receiving Stream **Wet weather conveyance to Stony Fork**
Effluent Description **Treated wastewater and storm water**
Facility Latitude **36°12'10"**
Facility Longitude **84°14'25"**
Permit Writer **MRR**

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuances

Applicant **Goins Hollow Quarry, LLC**
Facility **Goins Hollow Quarry 2**
NPDES Permit Number **TN0066389**
County **Grainger**
Street Address **9286 Hwy., 25E**
City **Thorn Hill**
Zip **37881**
Description of Activity **Crushed and broken limestone mining**
Receiving Stream **Unnamed tributary to Clinch River**
Effluent Description **Treated wastewater and storm water**
Facility Latitude **36°23'15"**
Facility Longitude **83°26'49"**
Permit Writer **MES**

Applicant **Hommel Construction Company**
Facility **Boyer Island Sand Mine**
NPDES Permit Number **TN0072885**
County **Cocke**
Street Address **Old Greenville Highway**
City **Newport**
Zip **37821**
Description of Activity **Construction sand and gravel mining**
Receiving Stream **French Broad River**
Effluent Description **Treated wastewater and storm water**
Facility Latitude **35°58'46"**
Facility Longitude **83°08'53"**
Permit Writer **BFS**

Applicant **Sherwood Mining Company, LLC**
Facility **Sherwood Rock Quarry**
NPDES Permit Number **TN0079723**
County **Franklin**
Street Address **Highway 56**
City **Sherwood**
Zip **37376**
Description of Activity **Limestone mining and processing**
Receiving Stream **Young's Creek**
Effluent Description **Treated wastewater and storm water**
Facility Latitude **35°04'38"**
Facility Longitude **85°55'01"**
Permit Writer **KBG**

Coal Proposed Termination

Applicant **JoRae Coal Company, LLC**
Facility **Mine 1**
NPDES Permit Number **TN0071439**
County **Scott**
Street Address **Wolf Creek Road**
City **Robbins**
Zip **37852**
Description of Activity **Reclaimed underground coal mine**
Receiving Stream **Indian Fork**
Effluent Description **Treated wastewater and storm water**
Facility Latitude **38°00'18"**
Facility Longitude **84°32'13"**
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. The Division must receive your comments before the close of the comment period (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 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

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