



**DIVISION OF MINERAL AND GEOLOGIC RESOURCES
MINING SECTION**

**Public Participation Opportunities
Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions**

March 6, 2024

Public Notice: M2024-03

Last Day to Comment: April 5, 2024

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.

Individual NPDES Permits

Non-Coal Proposed Issuance

Applicant **H&H Stone LLC**
Facility **Marion County Quarry**
Permit Number **TN0070727** Permit Writer Initials **GEK** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Marion** EFO Name **Chattanooga**
Street Address 9519 Highway 41
City and Zip Code Jasper 37347
Description of Activity Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Stream Tennessee River - Nickajack Reservoir
Facility Location Latitude 35.036323 Longitude -85.562485

Non-Coal Proposed Modification/Reissuance

Applicant **Cherokee Rock, LLC**
Facility **Cherokee Rock Quarry**
Permit Number **TN0070351** Permit Writer Initials **LCK** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Grainger** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address 467 Helton Road
City and Zip Code Bean Station 37708
Description of Activity Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Stream Unnamed tributary to Cherokee Reservoir
Facility Location Latitude 36.305066 Longitude -83.397892

Non-Coal Proposed Termination

Applicant **James David Oliver**
Facility **Monteagle Sand Man**
Permit Number **TN0069744** Permit Writer Initials **DKC** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Marion** EFO Name **Chattanooga**
Street Address 355 Wells Street
City and Zip Code Monteagle 37356
Description of Activity Construction Sand and Gravel Mining
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Stream Unnamed tributary to Laurel Lake
Facility Location Latitude 35.2275 Longitude -85.8300

Coal Proposed Denials

Applicant **Lexington Coal Company, LLC**
Facility **Preparation Plant**
Permit Number **TN0052132** Permit Writer Initials **DRM** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Marion** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address 1000 Pocket Road
City and Zip Code Whitwell 37397
Description of Activity Bituminous Coal Preparation Plant and Assoc. Area
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Streams Grays Creek and unnamed tributaries to Grays Creek
Facility Location Latitude 35.27083 Longitude -85.5575

Applicant **Premium Coal Company, Inc.**
Facility **Tipple and Preparation Plant**
Permit Number **TN0051918** Permit Writer Initials **DRM** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Anderson** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address 394 Slatestone Road
City and Zip Code Briceville 37719
Description of Activity Bituminous Coal Preparation Plant and Assoc. Area
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Stream Unnamed tributary to Slatestone Creek
Facility Location Latitude 36.18526 Longitude -84.19639

List of Permit Writers-Mining Section

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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 Mineral and Geologic 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. Information is also available in the Division of Water Resources Data Viewer at: <https://www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec/tdec-dataviewers.html>.

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.

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