



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

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

September 24, 2025

Public Notice: M2025-17

Last Day to Comment: October 24, 2025

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 Modification

Applicant	Rogers Group, Inc.				
Facility	Oliver Springs Sand & Gravel Mine				
Permit Number	TN0070728	Permit Writer Initials	RRD	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Roane			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	State Highway 61 between Harriman and Oliver Springs				
City and Zip Code	Harriman 37748				
Description of Activity	Construction Sand and Gravel Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Massengill Spring Branch				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.998306	Longitude	-84.410333	

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuances

Applicant	Pave Grade & Aggregate, Inc.				
Facility	LaFollette Operations				
Permit Number	TN0070581	Permit Writer Initials	CSM	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Campbell			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	1623 Jacksboro Pike				
City and Zip Code	LaFollette 37766				
Description of Activity	Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Hunter Branch				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.359169	Longitude	-84.143929	

Applicant	Rogers Group, Inc.				
Facility	Belfast Quarry				
Permit Number	TN0071251	Permit Writer Initials	RRD	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Marshall			EFO Name	Columbia
Street Address	1960 Fayetteville Highway				
City and Zip Code	Belfast 37019				
Description of Activity	Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Dry Branch				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.435833	Longitude	-86.724722	

Applicant	Rogers Group, Inc.				
Facility	Cookeville Quarry				
Permit Number	TN0065781	Permit Writer Initials	RRD	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Putnam			EFO Name	Cookeville
Street Address	100 Old Calvary Road				
City and Zip Code	Cookeville 38506				
Description of Activity	Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Pigeon Roost Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.141389	Longitude	-85.467222	

Non-Coal Proposed Terminations

Applicant	Lhoist North America of Tennessee, LLC				
Facility	Crab Orchard Mine 2				
Permit Number	TN0079618	Permit Writer Initials	DKC	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Cumberland			EFO Name	Cookeville
Street Address	323 Crab Orchard Quarry Road				
City and Zip Code	Crab Orchard 37723				
Description of Activity	Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Baker Branch				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.910377	Longitude	-84.869707	

Applicant	Michael Lewis dba Lewy's Sod				
Facility	Construction Materials Yard				
Permit Number	TN0070729	Permit Writer Initials	DKC	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Henry			EFO Name	Jackson
Street Address	Highway 79 South				
City and Zip Code	Paris 38242				
Description of Activity	Construction Sand and Gravel Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Clifty Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.27103	Longitude	-88.33234	

Permit Writer Contact Information

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Columbia, TN 38401-5611
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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 DMGR.PublicNotice@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 Mineral & Geologic 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.

State of Tennessee Policy of Non-Discrimination

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Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243, 1-866-253-5827. 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 by contacting Angela Cartledge at (865) 310-8632.