

# DIVISION OF MINERAL AND GEOLOGIC RESOURCES MINING SECTION

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

## November 19, 2025

**Public Notice: M2025-20** 

Last Day to Comment: December 19, 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 Issuances**

Applicant Cason Warner

Facility Warner Farms Lake

Permit Number TN0070733 Permit Writer Initials EGB Discharge Rating Minor

County Marshall EFO Name Columbia

Street Address 3429 Verona Caney Road

City and Zip Code Lewisburg 37091

Description of Activity Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Receiving Stream Duck River

Facility Location Latitude 35.58229 Longitude -86.772438

Applicant Mulch & More of Bluff City, Inc.

Facility May Quarry

Permit Number TN0070738 Permit Writer Initials GEK Discharge Rating Minor

County Sullivan EFO Name Johnson City

Street Address 476 Bunker Hill Road

City and Zip Code Bluff City 37618

Description of Activity Shale Mining

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Receiving Stream Woods Branch

Facility Location Latitude 36.447578 Longitude -82.276887

## **Non-Coal Proposed Modification**

Applicant Rogers Group, Inc.

Facility Deason Quarry

Permit Number TN0071846 Permit Writer Initials RRD Discharge Rating Minor

County **Bedford** EFO Name **Columbia** 

Street Address 190 Squire Hall Road

City and Zip Code Shelbyville 37160

Description of Activity Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Location Latitude 35.650673 Longitude -86.455661

## **Non-Coal Proposed Reissuances**

Applicant Gleason Clay Company, LLC

Facility Mine 2

Permit Number TN0045489 Permit Writer Initials EGB Discharge Rating Minor

County Weakly EFO Name Jackson

Street Address Sandhill Road 2,277' East of Intersection with Sandhill Lane

City and Zip Code Gleason 38229

Description of Activity Ball Clay Mining

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Receiving Stream Unnamed tributary to Middle Fork Obion River

Facility Location Latitude 36.2186 Longitude -88.6547

Applicant Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC

Facility Loudon County Quarry

Permit Number TN0069566 Permit Writer Initials AJS Discharge Rating Minor

County Loudon EFO Name Knoxville

Street Address 6334 US Highway 411 S

City and Zip Code Greenback 37742

Description of Activity Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Receiving Stream Unnamed tributary to Baker Creek

Facility Location Latitude 35.655333 Longitude -84.141667

#### Non-Coal Proposed Revocation and Reissuance/Modification

Applicant Rogers Group Inc.

Facility Gainesboro Quarry

Permit Number TN0072508 Permit Writer Initials DRM Discharge Rating Minor

County Jackson EFO Name Cookeville

Street Address 305 Wrights Lane
City and Zip Code Gainesboro 38562

Description of Activity Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Receiving Stream Unamed tributary to Roaring River

Facility Location Latitude 36.364722 Longitude -85.631667

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#### **Environmental Field Offices**

Chattanooga Environmental Field Office
1301 Riverfront Parkway Suite 206
Chattanooga, TN 37402-2233
(423) 634-5745 or 1-888-891-8332
Columbia, TN 38401-5611
(931) 380-3371 or 1-888-891-8332

 Cookeville Environmental Field Office
 Jackson Environmental Field Office

 955 E. 20th Street
 1625 Hollywood Drive

 Cookeville, TN 38501
 Jackson, TN 38305-4316

 (931) 520-6688 or 1-888-891-8332
 (731) 512-1300 or 1-888-891-8332

Johnson City Environmental Field Office
2305 Silverdale Road
3711 Middlebrook Pike, Suite 101
Johnson City, TN 37601-4322
Knoxville, TN 37921-6538
(423) 854-5400 or 1-888-891-8332
(865) 594-6035 or 1-888-891-8332

 Nashville Environmental Field Office
 Memphis Environmental Field Office

 711 R.S. Gass Boulevard
 8383 Wolf Lake Drive

 Nashville, TN 37216-2637
 Bartlett, TN 38133-4119

 (615) 687-7000 or 1-888-891-8332
 (901) 371-3000 or 1-888-891-8332

## **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

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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 <a href="mailto:DMGR.PublicNotice@tn.gov">DMGR.PublicNotice@tn.gov</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:Kara.Blevins@tn.gov">Kara.Blevins@tn.gov</a> 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: <a href="https://www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec/tdec-dataviewers.html">https://www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec/tdec-dataviewers.html</a>.

# **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

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. Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action inquiries or complaints should be directed to the EEO/AA Coordinator, Office of General Counsel-5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Davy Crockett Tower, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville,

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TN 37243, 1-866-253-5827. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) inquiries or complaints should be directed to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, Davy Crockett Tower, 500 James 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.