



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

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

March 18, 2026

**Public Notice: M2026-05
Last Day to Comment: April 17, 2026**

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

Coal Proposed Issuances

Applicant **Premium Coal Company, Inc.**
Facility **Baldwin Load Out**
Permit Number **TN0043222** Permit Writer Initials **DRM** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Anderson** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address **New River Highway 116**
City and Zip Code **Briceville 37710**
Description of Activity **Bituminous Coal Surface Mining**
Effluent Description **Treated wastewater and storm water**
Receiving Stream **New River**
Facility Location Latitude **36.1480556** Longitude **-84.3855556**

Applicant **Premium Coal Company, Inc.**
Facility **Premium Tipple and Preparation Plant**
Permit Number **TN0051918** Permit Writer Initials **DRM** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Anderson** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address **Old Airbase Road**
City and Zip Code **Briceville 37710**
Description of Activity **Bituminous Coal Surface Mining**
Effluent Description **Treated wastewater and storm water**
Receiving Stream **Slatestone Creek**
Facility Location Latitude **36.18526** Longitude **-84.19639**

Coal Proposed Reissuance

Applicant **National Coal, LLC**
Facility **Mine 3B**
Permit Number **TN0069175** Permit Writer Initials **DRM** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Anderson** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address Highway 116; Buffalo Mountain
City and Zip Code Rosedale 37710
Description of Activity Bituminous Coal Surface Mining
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Streams Unnamed tributaries to Ligias Fork, Blue Hole Branch, and Carroll Branch
Facility Location Latitude 36.175278, Longitude -84.304722

Non-Coal Proposed Modification/Reissuance

Applicant **Lhoist North America of TN, LLC DBA Spinks Clay Company, Inc.**
Facility **Spinks Clay Mine #34 - Orr**
Permit Number **TN0079774** Permit Writer Initials **BJC** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Carroll** EFO Name **Jackson**
Street Address 8500 Purdy Road
City and Zip Code Clarksburg 38324
Description of Activity Ball Clay Mining
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Stream Reedy Creek
Facility Location Latitude 35.880364 Longitude -84.44889

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuances

Applicant **Rogers Group, Inc.**
Facility **Hickman County Quarry**
Permit Number **TN0072273** Permit Writer Initials **BJC** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Hickman** EFO Name **Columbia**
Street Address 1121 Spencer Mill Road
City and Zip Code Bon Aqua 37025
Description of Activity Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Streams Rials Branch and an unnamed tributary to Big Turnbill Creek
Facility Location Latitude 35.954172 Longitude -87.206025

Applicant **Standard Construction Company, Inc.**
 Facility **McNairy Pit**
 Permit Number **TN0071293** Permit Writer Initials **RRD** Discharge Rating **Minor**
 County **McNairy** EFO Name **Jackson**
 Street Address 950 Dennie Barber Road
 City and Zip Code Stantonville 38379
 Description of Activity Construction Sand and Gravel Mining
 Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
 Receiving Streams Unnamed tributary to Garrison Branch and Garrison Branch
 Facility Location Latitude 35.162067 Longitude -86.401972

Permit Writer Contact Information

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 Columbia, TN 38401-5611
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 Cookeville, TN 38501
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 8383 Wolf Lake Drive
 Bartlett, TN 38133-4119
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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.