



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

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

August 5, 2026

Public Notice: M2026-14

Last Day to Comment: September 4, 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 Reissuance

Applicant	Davex Energy, LLC				
Facility	Davex Energy Shipping and Processing Plant				
Permit Number	TN0042722	Permit Writer Initials	DRM	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Campbell			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	548 Wooldridge Lane				
City and Zip Code	Jellico 37762				
Description of Activity	Bituminous Coal Surface Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Crooked Creek orphan mine pits				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.560556	Longitude	- 84.163056	

Non-Coal Proposed Issuance

Applicant	Benchlands Bedrock, LLC				
Facility	Quarry 1				
Permit Number	TN0070771	Permit Writer Initials	DRM	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Overton			EFO Name	Cookeville
Street Address	Peaceful Valley Lane				
City and Zip Code	Monterey 38574				
Description of Activity	Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Sinking Cane Hollow				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.21443	Longitude	-85.26840	

Non-Coal Proposed Modification/Reissuance

Applicant	Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC		
Facility	Kingsport Quarry		
Permit Number	TN0066362	Permit Writer Initials	DRM Discharge Rating Minor
County	Sullivan	EFO Name	Johnson City
Street Address	400 Deneen Lane		
City and Zip Code	Kingsport 37600		
Description of Activity	Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying		
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water		
Receiving Stream	North Fork Holston River		
Facility Location	Latitude	36.564722	Longitude -82.60722

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuance

Applicant	Rogers Group, Inc.		
Facility	Grimsley Sand & Gravel		
Permit Number	TN0065706	Permit Writer Initials	BWC Discharge Rating Minor
County	Fentress	EFO Name	Cookeville
Street Address	1300 Old Sunbright Road		
City and Zip Code	Grimsley 38565		
Description of Activity	Construction Sand and Gravel Mining		
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water		
Receiving Stream	North Prong Clear Fork		
Facility Location	Latitude	36.276111	Longitude -84.96

Permit Writer Contact Information

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 Columbia, TN 38401-5611
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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

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-5th Floor, Davy Crockett Tower, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, 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.