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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Issuance of NPDES Permit

Public Notice M2026-15

August 19, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; the Division of Mineral and Geologic Resources will hold a public hearing pursuant to Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (8) regarding the proposed issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

Date: September 23, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m. CDT, Information Session
6:00 p.m. CDT, Public Hearing

Location: DeKalb Community Complex
712 South Congress Boulevard
Smithville, TN 37166

The public hearing will be presented via video-teleconference and may be attended online, by phone, or in-person at the address above. Information describing how to join online or by phone is provided below. At the hearing, the Division will receive public comments concerning the following permit action:

NPDES Permit: TN0070737
Applicant: SRM Materials, LLC
Mine Name: Smithville Quarry
Facility Location: 336 North Driver Road, Dowelltown, TN 37059
County: DeKalb

The application and draft permit are available in the Division of Mineral & Geologic Resources Data Viewer at www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec/tdec-dataviewers.html. The receiving stream for authorized discharges is Drivers Branch. If you have questions related to the draft permit, contact the permit writer, Ashleigh Simons, at (865) 320-6143 or Ashleigh.Simons@tn.gov.

The purpose of the hearing is to gather information from the public relevant to a final decision on the permit application. Comments not related to water quality or to the information contained in the permit application will not be considered in the decision-making process. Issues such as air quality, zoning, blasting, noise, dust, and traffic are not related to water quality and are not regulated by the Division of Mineral and Geologic Resources or the NPDES program; therefore, consideration of these issues would not contribute relevant information for the proposed permit.

The hearing officer may limit the length of oral comments to five minutes and will require that all comments be relevant to NPDES water quality-related issues. Undue repetition in oral presentations should be avoided so that all interested parties will have an opportunity to present their concerns. Written comments related to the NPDES permit will also be accepted at the hearing. Written comments will be afforded the same consideration as verbal comments.

Participants may join online using the website link below or call in by phone (audio only). Prior to opening the formal public hearing, an information session will be held at 5:00 p.m. The information session will allow participants to ask questions informally and receive input from TDEC staff. The formal hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. Once the formal public hearing begins, the question-and-answer format will end, and all public comments will be collected for the hearing record without response from TDEC during the hearing.

Information regarding how to join by computer will be posted to the following website:

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/ppo-public-participation/ppo-public-participation/ppo-dmgr.html>

Meeting link to join by computer:

<https://tn.webex.com/tn/j.php?MTID=m4a9c6a9439bfef6103d3d56b3e622cf0>

Webinar password: TDEC

Join by phone: 1-615-747-4911

Access code: 2301 659 7347

Webinar password: 8332

Please note that attendees will need to enter both the access code and webinar password.

If you have difficulty connecting to the hearing, please call: (865) 441-4773.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings or review the file should contact TDEC to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact may be by writing, telephone, or other means. Contact the ADA Coordinator at (866) 253-5827 for further information. Such contact should be made no later than ten working days prior to the hearing to allow time to provide such aid or services. 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.

Please submit written comments to the letterhead address above or to DMGR.Publicnotice@tn.gov. **The last day to submit comments for the hearing record is October 5, 2026.**