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# Air Pollution Control

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) is happy to answer questions and provide technical assistance for inquiries related to air pollution, air permitting, air emission inventories, air monitoring, open burning, asbestos demolition and renovation projects, and other air related concerns. For program information, visit [TDEC's APCD website](#).

There are many projects that seek TDEC-APCD's review through a request for environmental consultation. The term "environmental consultation" includes but is not limited to ***environmental review requests, phase I or II environmental site assessment investigations, or requests for information*** for projects in the ***scoping phase*** for planned preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>1</sup>

## **What types of projects are suitable for environmental consultation from TDEC APCD?**

The majority of environmental consultation requests submitted to APCD include projects involving construction or operation of a proposed air contaminant source, demolition or renovation of structures which may have asbestos containing materials during a proposed renovation or demolition project, construction of new road or highway projects including modifications to existing interstates within Tennessee, and review of planning documents related to future interstate or highway road construction projects. Also, any project or activity that might create fugitive dust or emissions during the construction or site preparation phases or involve land clearing activities where open burning may be employed to dispose of wood waste and tree limb debris may be the subject of an environmental consultation request. Requests for consultation involving any of the aforementioned purposes may be submitted directly to Michelle W. Owenby in TDEC-APCD at [Air.Pollution.Control@tn.gov](mailto:Air.Pollution.Control@tn.gov). Written, electronic submittal of requests and supporting documentation are preferred.<sup>2</sup>

## **What should I include in my request to TDEC-APCD?**

When submitting a request for environmental consultation to APCD, the following information is helpful:

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<sup>1</sup> If a draft Environmental Assessment or draft Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to NEPA has been developed, it should be sent with all supporting materials and a request for review to [TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov](mailto:TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov).

<sup>2</sup> Mailing address: TDEC Division of Air Pollution Control; Attn: Michelle W. Owenby, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 15th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243. Phone: (615) 532-0554.

- Detailed description of project
- Property address, maps, and property location
- Detailed description of any activities that may generate air pollutants, including construction activities and land clearing operations, including any proposed mitigation activities
- Timelines and urgency of the proposed project
- Please indicate if you will or already have prepared and submitted a formal NEPA review request to the required NEPA review depositories

**What should I expect to receive from TDEC-APCD?**

APCD staff will review the project details and provide written comments on the potential air impacts and air related issues that were identified during review along with possible recommendations on methods to mitigate the air impacts identified. These methods may include specific reference to the applicable air regulations and acceptable practices to resolve the perceived concerns. If permits are potentially needed or required to be issued prior to commencing the proposed project, recommendations on the procedure to follow may also be provided.

**Who should I contact for more information?**

In addition to staffing at the Nashville Central Office, APCD staff are located in each of the seven TDEC Environmental Field Offices (EFOs) identified in the following table.

Toll Free Number: 1-888-891-TDEC (8332)

<b>EFO Name</b>	<b>EFO Address</b>
Chattanooga	1301 Riverfront Parkway, Suite 206 Chattanooga, TN 37402 (423) 634-5745
Columbia	1421 Hampshire Pike Columbia, TN 38401 (931) 380-3371
Cookeville	1221 South Willow Ave Cookeville, TN 38506 (931) 432-4015
Jackson	1625 Hollywood Dr Jackson, TN 38305 (731) 512-1300
Johnson City	2305 Silverdale Rd Johnson City, TN 37601 (423) 854-5400
Knoxville	3711 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville, TN 37921 (865) 594-6035
Nashville	711 R.S. Gass Blvd Nashville, TN 37243 (615) 687-7000

# Archaeology

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Division of Archaeology (DOA) can answer questions and provide technical assistance or guidance pertaining to inquiries relating to pre-contact and historical archaeological sites. For complete information and services provided by the Division of Archaeology, visit [TDEC's DOA website](#).

## **What types of projects are suitable for consultation or review by TDEC -DOA?**

Any project involving earth-moving such as construction, demolition, grading, fill, and borrow activity.

## **What should I include in my request to TDEC - DOA?**

When submitting a request for information to the Division of Archaeology, the following information is helpful:

- Brief description of the proposed project and total acreage involved
- Property address
- Exact location and boundaries of the proposed project clearly marked on USGS topographic map and aerial image
- Photographs of the project area, if available
- Information about current and previous land-use in the project area
- Whether the proposed project involves federal funding, licensing, or permitting

## **What should I expect to receive from TDEC-DOA?**

TDOA staff will check the archaeological site files to see if there are archaeological sites recorded within the footprint of the proposed project. A response will be sent electronically within 15 business days. The response will include recommendations regarding the potential for the project to impact archaeological resources and whether additional archaeological investigation is recommended. This level of review is not intended to meet any regulatory requirements under the [National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\)](#) or [Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act](#).

## **Who should I contact for more information?**

Dan Brock, State Programs Archaeologist

1216 Foster Ave Cole Building #3 Nashville, TN 37243

615-687-4778    TDOA.StatePrograms@tn.gov

# Office of Energy Programs

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Office of Energy Programs (OEP) provides informational assistance pertaining to inquiries regarding energy efficiency; energy management; renewable energy; energy security planning, preparedness, and response; and energy in transportation (alternative fuels and sustainable transportation options). For information regarding OEP's programs, please [TDEC's OEP website](#).

OEP does not provide comments on projects seeking TDEC's review through a request for environmental consultation.

## **What types of projects are suitable for environmental consultation from TDEC OEP?**

As Coordinator for the U.S. Department of Energy-designated Middle-West Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition, TDEC OEP can provide environmental consultation tied to fleet or individual deployment of alternative and renewable fuels, idle-reduction measures, fuel economy improvements, and advanced vehicle technologies.

OEP can also connect parties with various contacts that may be able to provide technical assistance or environmental consultation on other energy-related topics. Any requests for information may be submitted directly to Ben Bolton, Senior Energy Programs Administrator, OEP, at [Ben.Bolton@tn.gov](mailto:Ben.Bolton@tn.gov) or Mark Finlay, Energy Analyst, OEP, at [Mark.Finlay@tn.gov](mailto:Mark.Finlay@tn.gov).

# Natural Areas

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Division of Natural Areas (DNA) answers questions and provides technical assistance pertaining to the status and distribution of state and federal concern plant and animal species, ecologically important sites, and conservation lands. For maps, publications and program information, visit [TDEC's DNA website](#).

Many project managers seek TDEC-DNA's review through environmental consultation requests. The term "environmental consultation" includes but is not limited to ***environmental review requests, phase I or II environmental site assessment investigations, or requests for information*** for projects in the ***scoping phase*** for planned preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>3</sup>

## **What types of projects are suitable for environmental consultation from TDEC-DNA?**

The majority of environmental consultation requests from DNA are related to rare and endangered plant and animal species review. Projects suitable for environmental consultation from DNA may include any project involving construction, demolition, or disposal of solid and/or hazardous wastes and on-the-ground development projects. These can involve individual landowners, development districts across the state, or other government or private entities.

***Requests for consultation pertaining to any of the aforementioned purposes should be submitted to TDEC-DNA via their [Environmental Review Request Portal](#).*** TDEC-DNA DOES NOT COORDINATE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS VIA EMAIL. The review fee will be waived for reviews of projects affiliated with TNECD (ARC, CDBG, Select TN Site Certification). Make sure to identify the correct project coordinates (or midpoint of a linear project) with your submittal as incorrect location information will lead to processing delays.

TDEC-DNA provides additional information about their [environmental reviews online](#).

## **What should I include in my request to TDEC-DNA?**

When submitting a request for environmental consultation to DNA, the following information will expedite our review:

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<sup>3</sup> If a draft Environmental Assessment or draft Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to NEPA has been developed, it should be sent with all supporting materials and a request for review to [TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov](mailto:TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov).

- Detailed description of the project
- Map showing the project location with latitude and longitude labeled
- Photographs, if available
- If the project relates to existing or requested TDEC permits, please include the relevant permit number/s

### **When should I expect to hear from TDEC-DNA?**

Environmental review requests usually are filled within 30 days. Urgent requests will be handled as quickly as possible. Please recognize that requests involving state or federally protected animals require consultation with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, respectively. While we will consult with these agencies during our review, you are advised also to contact them directly for guidance.

### **What should I expect to receive from TDEC-DNA?**

DNA will review the details of the project and provide comments that may include:

- A list and/or map of rare species documented within a one-mile radius of the project area, as well as a list of species documented from the surrounding four-mile area
- Summary of potential impacts to rare species and any issues or concerns identified during the review
- Recommendations for best management practices or actions to reduce potential impacts or address concerns with the proposed project
- Contacts for relevant outside agencies, as warranted or requested

### **Who should I contact for more information?**

Dillon Blankenship is the primary TDEC-DNA contact for environmental consultations. He can be reached via phone at 615-532-4799.

# Radiological Health

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Tennessee Division of Radiological Health (DRH) is happy to answer questions and provide technical assistance pertaining to inquiries related to ionizing radiation hazards. For program information, visit [TDEC's DRH website](#).

There are many projects that seek TDEC- DRH's review through a request for environmental consultation. The term "environmental consultation" includes current and future license / amendment review requests, site remediation close out survey reviews, or requests for assistance involving investigation / remediation of radiation incidents / emergencies, and Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement reviews pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>4</sup>

## **What types of projects are suitable for environmental consultation from TDEC-DRH?**

The majority of environmental consultation requests for DRH are related to license / amendment reviews, records/information requests regarding licensees, and radiation alarms in the metal recycling and landfill industries. Sometimes these can be handled over the phone or through an e-mail request. Others may require an onsite investigation.

## **What should I include in my request to TDEC-DRH?**

When submitting a request for environmental consultation to DRH, the following information is helpful:

- Brief description of hazard or project
- Property address
- Contact Information including Phone Number and Email address
- Photographs, if available
- Radioactive isotopes and radioactivity (if known)

## **When should I expect to hear from TDEC-DRH?**

For situations that do not involve imminent danger to lives or property, DRH staff will try to respond within two working days, or within two working days after returning to the office from an absence. Urgent requests will be handled as quickly as possible.

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<sup>4</sup> If a draft Environmental Assessment or draft Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to NEPA has been developed, it should be sent with all supporting materials and a request for review to [TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov](mailto:TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov).

**What should I expect to receive from TDEC-DRH?**

DRH staff will initially respond to requests by telephone or e-mail. A site visit will be conducted when necessary, and may conclude with verbal or written instructions, along with a written report and/or photographs when appropriate. Environmental hazard evaluations of proposed infrastructure or other projects will usually be followed up with written comments.

**Who should I contact for more information?**

Requests pertaining to any of the aforementioned license / amendment review requests or environmental review requests may be submitted to [Division.Radiological.Health@tn.gov](mailto:Division.Radiological.Health@tn.gov). Written, electronic submittal of requests and supporting documentation are preferred.

In addition to staffing at the Nashville Central Office, DRH staff is located at the TDEC Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville Environmental Field Offices. DRH contact information for each office can be found on the contact page linked below.

[Division of Radiological Health Contacts](#)

# Remediation

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Remediation (DoR) is happy to answer questions and provide technical assistance pertaining to any inquiries regarding hazardous substance sites. For program information, visit [TDEC's DoR website](#).

There are many projects that seek TDEC-DoR review through a request for environmental consultation. The term "environmental consultation" includes, but is not limited to, ***environmental review requests, Phase I or II environmental site assessment investigations, or requests for information*** for projects in the ***scoping phase*** for planned preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>5</sup>

## **What types of projects are suitable for environmental consultation from TDEC-DoR?**

Projects suitable for environmental consultation from DoR may include any project involving inactive hazardous substance sites, impacted drycleaning operations, Brownfields redevelopment, properties affected by methamphetamine production, or environmental cleanup oversight of the Oak Ridge Reservation. Requests for consultation pertaining to any of the aforementioned purposes may be submitted directly to [division.remediation@tn.gov](mailto:division.remediation@tn.gov) in TDEC-DoR. Written, electronic submittal of requests and supporting documentation are preferred.<sup>6</sup>

## **What should I include in my request to TDEC-DoR?**

When submitting a request for environmental consultation to DoR, the following documentation is helpful. Please keep in mind that the level of detail provided with your request dictates the level of detail provided within DoR's response.

- Detailed description of project
- Maps or project location with coordinates
- What type of response or information you are seeking from DoR?
- Deadline requested for response

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<sup>5</sup> If a draft Environmental Assessment or draft Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to NEPA has been developed, it should be sent with all supporting materials and a request for review to [TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov](mailto:TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov).

<sup>6</sup> Mailing address: TDEC Division of Remediation, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243. Phone: (615) 532- 0900.

### What should I expect to receive from TDEC-DoR?

DoR will review the details of the request and provide a response which may include:

- Written comments on potential impacts of the project and any issues or concerns identified during the review
- Information pertaining to current or historical sites in our database that may be near the project site
- Recommendations for a path forward or other actions to address issues or concerns with the proposed project

### Who should I contact for more information?

For specific questions regarding projects with potential hazardous substance site impacts, please contact the Division of Remediation at [division.remediation@tn.gov](mailto:division.remediation@tn.gov).

In addition to staffing at the Nashville Central Office, DoR staff is located in three Regional Offices which serve the eight TDEC Environmental Field Offices (EFOs) and in our Oak Ridge office. DoR contact information within each of the offices is provided below.

Office	Office Address	List of Counties Served
Knoxville Regional Office	3711 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville, TN 37921 (865) 594-6035	Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Union
Nashville Regional Office	711 R.S. Gass Blvd Nashville, TN 37243 (615) 687-7000	Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson, Wilson
Memphis Regional Office	8383 Wolf Lake Drive Bartlett, TN 38133 (901) 371-3000	Fayette, Shelby, Tipton
Oak Ridge Office	761 Emory Valley Road Oak Ridge, TN 37830 (865) 481-0995	DOE Oak Ridge Reservation
Nashville Central Office	312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor Nashville, TN 37243 (615) 532-0900	Statewide
Drycleaners	312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor Nashville, TN 37243 (615) 532-0900	Drycleaners in Tennessee

# Solid Waste Management

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) is happy to answer questions and provide technical assistance pertaining to any inquiries regarding demolition, construction, or other intrusive activities with potential solid or hazardous waste impacts. For program information, visit [TDEC's DSWM website](#).

There are many projects that seek TDEC-DSWM's review through a request for environmental consultation. The term "environmental consultation" includes but is not limited to environmental review requests, phase I or II environmental site assessment investigations, or requests for information for projects in the scoping phase for planned preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>7</sup>

## **What types of projects are suitable for environmental consultation from TDEC-DSWM?**

Projects suitable for environmental consultation from DSWM may include any project involving construction, demolition, or disposal of solid and/or hazardous wastes. Requests for consultation pertaining to any of the aforementioned purposes may be submitted directly to Benjamin Almassi in TDEC-DSWM at [benjamin.almassi@tn.gov](mailto:benjamin.almassi@tn.gov). Written, electronic submittal of requests and supporting documentation are preferred.<sup>8</sup>

## **What should I include in my request to TDEC-DSWM?**

When submitting a request for environmental consultation to DSWM, the following documentation is helpful. Please keep in mind that the level of detail provided with your request dictates the level of detail provided within DSWM's response.

- Detailed description of project
- Maps and/or project location
- Description of construction or demolition activities, including any information on excavation or materials to be removed, extent of construction
- Deadline requested for response and what type of response you are seeking from DSWM

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<sup>7</sup> If a draft Environmental Assessment or draft Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to NEPA has been developed, it should be sent with all supporting materials and a request for review to [TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov](mailto:TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov).

<sup>8</sup> Mailing address: TDEC Division of Solid Waste Management; Attn: Lisa Hughey, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243. Phone: (615) 532-0858.

## What should I expect to receive from TDEC-DSWM?

DSWM will review the details of projects and provide a response which may include:

- Summary of potential impacts and any issues or concerns identified during the review
- Recommendations for best management practices or actions to reduce potential impacts or address concerns with the proposed project
- Information pertaining to permits, certifications, training, or other approvals which may be required for waste handling and disposal from DSWM

## Who should I contact for more information?

For specific questions regarding projects with potential solid waste, please contact Jeremy Hooper at (615) 532-0072 or [jeremy.hooper@tn.gov](mailto:jeremy.hooper@tn.gov). For specific questions regarding projects with potential hazardous waste impacts, please contact Benjamin Almassi, at (615) 837-5349 or [benjamin.almassi@tn.gov](mailto:benjamin.almassi@tn.gov).

In addition to staffing at the Nashville Central Office, DSWM staff are located in each of the eight TDEC Environmental Field Offices (EFOs), as well as the many county offices across the state. DSWM contact information within each of the EFOs is provided below.

<b>EFO Name</b>	<b>EFO Address</b>	<b>List of Counties in Region</b>
Chattanooga	Harry McCann Division of Solid Waste Management 1301 Riverfront Parkway, Suite 206 Chattanooga, TN 37402 (423) 293-8049	Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, McMinn, Marion, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie
Columbia	Steve Wintheiser Division of Solid Waste Management 1421 Hampshire Pike Columbia, TN 38401 (931) 449-9028	Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry, Wayne
Cookeville	Nick Stengel Division of Solid Waste Management 1221 South Willow Ave Cookeville, TN 38506 (615) 406-9649	Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Fentress, Grundy, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, White
Jackson	Clift Jeter Division of Solid Waste Management 1625 Hollywood Dr Jackson, TN 38305 (731) 223-0005	Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson,

		Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy, Madison, Obion, Weakly
Johnson City	Chris Lamb Division of Solid Waste Management 2305 Silverdale Rd Johnson City, TN 37601 (423) 794-7119	Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington
Knoxville	Revendra Awasthi Division of Solid Waste Management 3711 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville, TN 37921 (865) 306-1862	Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Union
Memphis	Jim Holt Division of Solid Waste Management 8383 Wolf Lake Drive Bartlett, TN 38133-4119 (901) 378-6376	Fayette, Shelby, Tipton
Nashville	Mike Horsley Division of Solid Waste Management 711 R.S. Gass Blvd Nashville, TN 37243 615-347-0615	Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson, Wilson

# Underground Storage Tanks

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Underground Storage Tanks (UST) is happy to answer questions and provide technical assistance pertaining to any inquiries pertaining to petroleum underground storage tanks. For program information, visit [TDEC's UST website](#).

There are many projects that seek TDEC-UST's review through a request for environmental consultation. The term "environmental consultation" includes but is not limited to ***environmental review requests, phase I or II environmental site assessment investigations, or requests for information*** for projects in the ***scoping phase*** for planned preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>9</sup>

## **What type of projects are suitable for environmental consultation from TDEC-UST?**

Projects suitable for environmental consultation from UST may include any project with potential land use impacts, any project in areas with current or past underground storage tanks, and/or ongoing or past underground storage tank site clean ups. Examples include but are not limited to: road construction; facility construction; utility improvements and expansion; and property acquisitions.

Requests for consultation pertaining to any of the aforementioned purposes may be submitted directly to Michelle Pruett in TDEC-UST at [Michelle.Pruett@tn.gov](mailto:Michelle.Pruett@tn.gov). Electronic submittal of requests and supporting documentation are preferred.<sup>10</sup>

## **What should I include in my request to TDEC-UST?**

When submitting a request for environmental consultation to UST, the following documentation is helpful. Please keep in mind that the level of detail provided with your request dictates the level of detail provided within UST's response.

- Detailed description of project
- Maps and any .shp or .mxd files available of proposed project area with coordinates
- If areas have been eliminated from consideration for the proposed project, documentation should clearly state which areas are still being considered

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<sup>9</sup> If a draft Environmental Assessment or draft Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to NEPA has been developed, it should be sent with all supporting materials and a request for review to [TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov](mailto:TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov).

<sup>10</sup> Mailing address: TDEC Division of Underground Storage Tanks; Attn: Michelle Pruett, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 12th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243. Phone: (615) 532-0973.

- If .shp or .mxd files are not available, please ensure roads, landmarks, etc. are included
- Deadline requested for response and what type of response you are seeking from UST

**What should I expect to receive from TDEC-UST?**

- UST will review the details of projects and provide a response which may include:
- Description of any known current or past petroleum underground storage tank sites or remediation activities in or near the project area.
- Recommendations for best management practices or actions to reduce potential impacts or address concerns with the proposed project.
- Information pertaining to permits, certifications, training, or other approvals which may be required from UST.

**Who should I contact for more information?**

For specific questions regarding projects with potential petroleum underground storage tank release or remediation concerns, please contact Michelle Pruett, at (615) 532-0973 or [Michelle.Pruett@tn.gov](mailto:Michelle.Pruett@tn.gov).

In addition to staffing at the Nashville Central Office, UST staff are located in each of the eight TDEC Environmental Field Offices (EFOs), as well as the many county offices across the state. UST contact information within each of the EFOs is provided below.

<b>EFO Name</b>	<b>EFO Address</b>	<b>List of Counties in Region</b>
Chattanooga	Frank Pointer Division of Underground Storage Tanks 1301 Riverfront Parkway, Suite 206 Chattanooga, TN 37402 (423) 634-5745	Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, McMinn, Marion, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie
Columbia	Dale Robinson Division of Underground Storage Tanks 1421 Hampshire Pike Columbia, TN 38401 (931) 380-3371	Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry, Wayne
Cookeville	Frank Pointer Division of Underground Storage Tanks 1221 South Willow Ave Cookeville, TN 38506 (931) 520-6688	Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Fentress, Grundy, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, White
Jackson	Roshanda Forsythe Division of Underground Storage Tanks 1625 Hollywood Dr Jackson, TN 38305	Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson,

	(731) 512-1300	Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy, Madison, Obion, Weakly
Johnson City	Kevin Rice Division of Underground Storage Tanks 2305 Silverdale Rd Johnson City, TN 37601 (423) 854-5400	Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington
Knoxville	Holly Marlowe Division of Underground Storage Tanks 3711 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville, TN 37921 (865) 594-6035	Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Union
Memphis	Roshanda Forsythe Division of Underground Storage Tanks 8383 Wolf Lake Drive Bartlett, TN 38133 (901) 371-3000	Fayette, Shelby, Tipton
Nashville	Rhonda Key Division of Underground Storage Tanks 711 R.S. Gass Blvd Nashville, TN 37243 (615) 687-7000	Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson, Wilson

# Water Resources

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Water Resources (DWR) is happy to answer questions and provide technical assistance pertaining to any water-related inquiry. For program information, visit [TDEC's DWR website](#).

There are many projects that commonly seek TDEC-DWR's review through a request for environmental consultation. The term "environmental consultation" includes but is not limited to **environmental review requests, phase I or II environmental site assessment investigations, or requests for information** for projects in the **scoping phase** for planned preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>11</sup>

## What type of projects are suitable for environmental consultation from TDEC-DWR?

Projects suitable for environmental consultation from DWR generally fall into three, broad categories:

- **Projects that will disturb one acre or more of land and/or will impact or are likely to impact a stream, river, lake and/or wetlands.** Common examples include: road and right-of-way projects, industrial access routes, non-linear projects such as commercial or industrial site developments, local government and non-profit site projects, and mitigation projects dredging, excavation, channel widening, or straightening; constructing a dam; bank sloping or stabilization; channel relocation; water diversions or non-agricultural related water withdrawals; flooding, draining, excavating and/or filling a wetland; and road and utility crossings, and structural fill.
- **Public drinking water infrastructure projects.** Common examples include: new or modified drinking water plant and/or new water source (intake or ground water well); existing drinking water plant capacity upgrades new or modified treatment plant technology and upgrades distribution system expansion and/or upgrades, including service lines, water tanks and meters; and Corrective Action Plans.
- **Municipal wastewater infrastructure improvement projects and decentralized wastewater technologies.** Common examples include: wastewater plant capacity changes; treatment regime/technology changes/upgrades; plant optimization strategies; alternatives to direct discharges such as decentralized wastewater treatment projects;

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<sup>11</sup> If a draft Environmental Assessment or draft Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to NEPA has been developed, it should be sent with all supporting materials and a request for review to [TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov](mailto:TDEC.NEPA@tn.gov).

large subsurface sewage disposal systems; collection system upgrades/reported overflows; nature of water quality challenges; and Corrective Action Plans.

Requests for consultation pertaining to any of the aforementioned purposes may be submitted directly to a dedicated email address for reviews: [dwr.environmentalreview@tn.gov](mailto:dwr.environmentalreview@tn.gov). Electronic submittal of requests and supporting documentation are preferred.<sup>12</sup>

### **What should I include in my request to TDEC-DWR?**

When submitting a request for environmental consultation to TDEC-DWR, the following documentation is helpful. Please keep in mind that the level of detail provided with your request dictates the level of detail provided within DWR's response.

#### **All projects should include:**

- Narrative and scope of project
- Locational information, such as coordinates and a map of the site and critical components (e.g., source water bodies, intakes, discharge sites, etc.) to scale
- Engineered site plans, specs, and/or schematics
- Estimated amount of land to be disturbed for the project as a whole
- If the project includes construction of a facility, name of the public water system that will serve the business or location

#### **For projects impacting streams, rivers, lakes and/or wetlands:**

- Hydrologic determination of the site, if available, prepared by a Qualified Hydrologic Professional
- An inventory of aquatic resources (wetlands, streams, farm ponds/impoundments) located within the scope of the project. Strive to include all aquatic resources within the project plans whether such water features are thought to be affected or not.
- Estimate or description of known impacts to water resources
- Anti-degradation social and economic benefit justification if project anticipated to cause more than degradation of a small magnitude
- Endangered species and state species of concern, if known
- Known Brownfields, historic structures or other relevant environmental/archeological information

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<sup>12</sup> Mailing address if necessary: TDEC Division of Water Resources; Attn: Tom Moss, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243.

**Requests for reviews of public drinking water infrastructure projects should include, when available:**

- Name of relevant municipality, utility or utility district and contact information
- Groundwater tests
- Known source water treatability concerns

**Requests for reviews of municipal wastewater infrastructure improvement projects and decentralized wastewater technologies should include, when available:**

- Name of receiving stream
- River mile of wastewater discharge location, if applicable
- Wastewater treatment technology proposed or being utilized
- Wastewater characterization
- Soil mapping information where treated wastewater is re-introduced through soil resources

**What should I expect to receive from TDEC-DWR?**

DWR units will review the details of projects and provide a response which may include:

- Description of any known environmental concerns, impacts, or other information deemed relevant (for example, aquatic resource impacts, geologic information, or locations of known underground injection control sites or private wells within the project area).
- Recommendations for best management practices or actions to reduce potential impacts or address concerns with the proposed project
- Information pertaining to permits, certifications, or other approvals which may be required from DWR.

**Who should I contact for more information?**

- For specific questions regarding projects impacting streams, rivers, lakes, and/or wetlands, please contact Lee Barber, Natural Resources Unit Manager, at (615) 532-3292 or [Lee.2.Barber@tn.gov](mailto:Lee.2.Barber@tn.gov).
- Specific questions regarding drinking water infrastructure may be submitted to Anna Sartors, Drinking Water Unit Engineer, at (615) 532-0159, or [Anna.Sartors@tn.gov](mailto:Anna.Sartors@tn.gov).
- Questions regarding wellhead protection areas, geology considerations and underground injection control may be submitted to Brian Ham, Environmental Consultant, at (615) 532-9224 or [Brian.Ham@tn.gov](mailto:Brian.Ham@tn.gov).

- For questions pertaining to point source discharge systems (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits), please contact Vojin Janjic, Water-Based Systems Unit Manager, at (615) 532-0191 or [Vojin.Janjic@tn.gov](mailto:Vojin.Janjic@tn.gov).
- For questions pertaining to onsite wastewater disposal systems (State Operating Permits (SOPs), decentralized projects and subsurface sewage disposal systems), please contact Brad Harris, Land-Based Systems Unit manager, at (615) 532-0191 or [Brad.Harris@tn.gov](mailto:Brad.Harris@tn.gov).
- For questions pertaining to stormwater runoff please contact Ann Morbitt, Integrated Water Resources Consultant, at (615) 687-7119 or [Ann.Morbitt@tn.gov](mailto:Ann.Morbitt@tn.gov).

In addition to staffing at the Nashville Central Office, DWR staff are located in each of the eight TDEC Environmental Field Offices, as well as the many county offices across the state. DWR contact information within each of the field offices is provided below.

<b>EFO Name</b>	<b>EFO Address</b>	<b>List of Counties in Region</b>
Chattanooga	Jennifer Innes, Mgr Division of Water Resources 1301 Riverfront Parkway, Suite 206 Chattanooga, TN 37402 (423) 634-5745	Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, McMinn, Marion, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie
Columbia	Sherry Glass, Mgr Division of Water Resources 1421 Hampshire Pike Columbia, TN 38401 (931) 380-3371	Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry, Wayne
Cookeville	Brad Ulmer, Mgr Division of Water Resources 1221 South Willow Ave Cookeville, TN 38506 (931) 520-6672	Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Fentress, Grundy, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, White
Jackson	Conner Franklin, Mgr Division of Water Resources 1625 Hollywood Dr Jackson, TN 38305 (731) 512-1300	Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy, Madison, Obion, Weakly
Johnson City	Dane Cutshaw, Mgr Division of Water Resources 2305 Silverdale Rd	Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington

	Johnson City, TN 37601 (423) 854-5421	
Knoxville	Michael Atchley, Mgr Division of Water Resources 3711 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville, TN 37921 (865) 594-6035	Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Union
Memphis	Joellyn Brazile, Mgr Division of Water Resources 8383 Wolf Lake Drive Bartlett, TN 38133 (901) 371-3000	Fayette, Shelby, Tipton
Nashville	Timmy Jenette, Mgr Division of Water Resources 711 R.S. Gass Blvd Nashville, TN 37216 (615) 687-7060	Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson, Wilson