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Pollution Prevention

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Providing technical assistance and
training to the regulated community.

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Department of
**Environment &
Conservation**

The **Tennessee Multi-Sector General Permit (TMSP)** authorizes industrial stormwater discharges to waters of the State of Tennessee from industrial facilities. The TMSP expires on June 30, 2025 and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has prepared a replacement permit and published the draft for public comment. This draft permit is subject to change prior to the final issuance. If your facility currently has TMSP coverage, you do not have to do anything as of right now.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) form via My TDEC Forms will be sent to active permittees when the new permit is issued. If your facility does not have coverage under the previous TMSP and operations will begin before June 30, 2025, your facility will need to submit a completed [NOI](#) and stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP). Information on TMSP coverage can be found on our [TDEC website](#).

Pollution Prevention [Webinar Recordings](#)

The Tennessee Pollution Prevention Program hosted a great webinar addressing the significant issue of efficient painting applications in Tennessee industry. The webinar [Waste Reduction in Painting Efficiency](#) featured the Iowa Waste Reduction Center paint expert Mr. Chris Lampe.

We intend to continue bringing you high-level technical webinars

addressing your energy and operational efficiencies in the future. If you have a request for a specific topic, please email [Vaughn Cassidy](#) to share your request.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Pollution Prevention Workshop

August 20, 2025 @ 1pm

Tennessee Sustainability Conference in Gatlinburg

The [Tennessee Sustainability Conference](#) will once again be in Gatlinburg this year from August 20 - 22, and the Tennessee Pollution Prevention Program is hosting its pollution prevention workshop in tandem on August 20th.

The draft agenda includes:

- Emergency Planning - TN Emergency Management Agency
- TDEC's 2025 Solid Waste Plan
- Panel discussion on choosing and working with recycling vendors - Tennessee Green Star partners

[Register for the workshop](#) on the Tennessee Sustainability Conference registration page (scroll down until you see "Pollution Prevention Workshop"). We look forward to seeing you there. NOTE: This workshop is free to attend; attendance to the conference is separate and not required to attend the workshop.

The annual Tennessee Sustainability Conference is a partnership between the [Tennessee Recycling Coalition](#), Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Tennessee Environmental Conference. This event brings environmental and government decision makers and leaders, experts and planners to learn and network together about how to ensure Tennessee's sustainable future.



The University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services and the Tennessee Manufacturing Association are having a contest beginning on June 16th for the "[Coollest Thing Made in Tennessee](#)".

The annual contest celebrates the diverse range of products manufactured across the state as well as raises awareness about manufacturing careers.

Nominations will begin on **June 16th** and close on **June 30**. Finalists will be announced on **July 14th**, followed by online popular voting from **July 15th** to the **29th**.

The winner is revealed on **October 1st** at the Tennessee Manufacturing Excellence Luncheon. This contest began last year and recieved over 100 product nominations and 75,000 votes.



Open Discussion

Open to
Tennessee
Industries
ONLY

Upcoming July 14, 2025 @1:00 P.M. CST

TDEC's Office of Sustainable Practices continues to host open discussions throughout the year. 15 Tennessee industries participated on our most recent call, with discussion ranging from efforts to achieve zero waste to potential PFAS regulations. Members were able to share successes and challenges regarding painting processes.

During this open discussion, participants have the opportunity to talk to other industry members about pollution prevention strategies, recycling, resource reuse, vendors, and other items relating to facility environment, health, sustainability, or operations. Participants will receive a recurring quarterly calendar appointment.

If you are a Tennessee industry and are interested, please contact Vaughn Cassidy, with TDEC's Office of Sustainable Practices, to be

included in the upcoming calendar appointment or the appointment series. Vaughn.Cassidy@tn.gov or give him a call: [731-431-7856](tel:731-431-7856).

Join us if you can and meet other sustainable industries. You never know if a solution to an issue you are having is discussed.



TVA Offerings for Business and Industry

[TVA EnergyRight](#) offers various types of support for business and industry partners, including energy efficiency incentives, revitalization programs, and strategic energy management. TVA provides no-cost [energy assessments](#) to customers with an electrical demand of 1,000 kW and greater to identify and quantify incentive-eligible energy efficiency projects.

For industrial customers with an electrical demand of 3,500kW and greater, TVA and its LPCs offer the [Strategic Energy Management](#) program, which lasts two years and helps qualifying industrial customers increase profitability and achieve sustainability goals by reducing energy use and lowering carbon emissions. The program provides energy performance modeling, energy mapping, onsite engineering studies, and individualized monthly coaching, all tailored to help eliminate energy waste.

MATERIALS REUSE

Volkswagen of Chattanooga has been a Tennessee Green Star Partner since 2020 and a



leader in sustainability worldwide for much longer.

A recent significant expansion of the facility to manufacture their new electric vehicle line led to an immense amount of wooden pallets. The OSP Business Team facilitated a reuse project with Rockwood Recycling. The pallets were ground up onsite and most of the material was used as boiler fuel at a separate facility in Georgia. Over **300 tons** of pallet material was diverted from the landfill.

Do you need help with a project like this? Are you struggling to find an economical end-use for production waste or general recycling? Please give Vaughn Cassidy a call or e-mail. Vaughn.Cassidy@tn.gov / 731-431-7856.



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