



**Public Participation Opportunity
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
Division of Water Resources (DWR)
Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions**

November 21, 2023

Public Notice Number: **MMXXIII-047**

Expiration Date: **December 21, 2023**

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. A list of Notices of Intent (NOIs) received by the DWR is available on our DataViewer web page :

https://dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/pls/enf_reports/f?p=2005:34001

Summary of Proposed Permitting Actions

	<u>Count</u>
Individual NPDES Permit	
Proposed Reissuance	3
Individual NPDES Permit for Mining Activities	
Proposed New Permit Issuance	1
State Operating Permit	
Proposed New Permit Issuance	1

Please bring this notice to the attention of persons you believe will be interested.

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Shelbyville Power, Water & Sewerage System**

Project Name Shelbyville STP

Permit Number **TN0024180**

Discharger rating **Major**

Permit Writer Wade Murphy
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County **Bedford**

EFO Name **Columbia**

Street Address/Location 525 West Jackson Street

City and/or Zip Code Shelbyville, TN 37160

Description of Activity treatment of municipal sewage by activated sludge

Effluent Description treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001

Receiving Stream Duck River at mile 221.25

Facility Latitude 35.483333

Facility Longitude -86.466389

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Town of Decaturville**

Project Name Decaturville WWTP

Permit Number **TN0022985**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Oscar Montenegro
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County **Decatur**

EFO Name **Jackson**

Street Address/Location 969 Largo Road

City and/or Zip Code Decaturville, TN 38329

Description of Activity treatment of municipal sewage by activated sludge process

Effluent Description treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001

Receiving Stream Rushing Creek at mile 5.5

Facility Latitude 35.571414

Facility Longitude -88.113772

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Town of Tellico Plains**

Project Name Tellico Plains STP

Permit Number **TN0024953**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Oscar Montenegro
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County **Monroe**

EFO Name **Knoxville**

Street Address/Location 401 Babcock Street

City and/or Zip Code Tellico Plains, TN 37385

Description of Activity Treatment of municipal wastewater in an oxidation ditch

Effluent Description treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001

Receiving Stream Tellico River at mile 27.5

Facility Latitude 35.372344

Facility Longitude -84.290992

State Operating Permit

Proposed New Permit Issuance

Applicant Name **Water and Wastewater Authority of Wilson County**

Project Name Amber Falls Treatment Facility

Permit Number **SOP-23037**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Bryan Pope
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County **Wilson**

EFO Name **Nashville**

Street Address/Location 1310 Burford Road

City and/or Zip Code Lebanon, TN 37087

Description of Activity Recirculating Media Filter and Subsurface Drip Dispersal

Wastewater Description typical residential effluent

Receiving Stream no discharge

Facility Latitude 36.288889

Facility Longitude -86.292222

POTW - Pretreatment Program Approvals:

None

The Division of Water Resources is authorized to approve local POTW Pretreatment Programs for the administration and enforcement of the National Pretreatment Standards of Performance for industrial users of the respective Publicly Owned Treatment Works listed in this notice. Additionally, the POTW Programs are required to prevent the introduction of pollutants into the POTW's which will interfere with their operation, including the use or disposal of sludge, and prevent the introduction of pollutants into the POTW's which will pass through the treatment works or be otherwise incompatible. All POTW Pretreatment Programs approved are in accordance with the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act, the federal Clean Water Act, and appropriate regulations.

End of List

How to Comment:

TDEC is requesting public comment on this permit action. 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 action are invited to submit comments in writing to the Division of Water Resources at William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator, by fax number (615) 532-0686, or by E-mail at Water.Permits@tn.gov. Comments must be received by the public notice expiration date (December 21, 2023).

How to Request a Public Hearing:

Interested persons may request in writing that the Director of the Division of Water Resources hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed by the public notice expiration date (December 21, 2023) and must indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons why such a hearing is warranted. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, a hearing will be conducted according to Division of Water Resources Rule 0400-40-05-.06(12). Public hearings will be announced through another public notice.

How the Department will Proceed:

The Director of the Division of Water Resources will determine the final permit action after considering comments submitted during the comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of the Federal and State acts and regulations.

To Obtain Permit Details:

Copies of the application(s) and draft permit(s) are also available for public inspection by contacting TDEC at <http://state.tn.us/environment/field-offices.shtml>, by calling 1-888-891-TDEC (8332), or by visiting the following locations during normal business hours:

Environmental Field Office - Chattanooga
1301 Riverfront Parkway, Suite 206
Chattanooga, TN 37402
(423) 634-5745
Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie

Environmental Field Office - Columbia
1421 Hampshire Pike
Columbia, TN 38401
(931) 380-3371
Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry, Wayne

Environmental Field Office - Cookeville
1221 South Willow Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38506
(931) 432-4015
Cannon, Clay, Cumberland, De Kalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, White

Environmental Field Office - Jackson
1625 Hollywood Drive
Jackson, TN 38305
(731) 512-1300
Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Obion, Weakley

Environmental Field Office - Johnson City
2305 Silverdale Road
Johnson City, TN 37601
(423) 854-5400
Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington

Environmental Field Office - Knoxville
3711 Middlebrook Pike
Knoxville, TN 37921
(865) 594-6035
Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Union

Environmental Field Office - Memphis
8383 Wolf Lake Drive
Bartlett, TN 38133-4119
(901) 371-3000
Fayette, Hardeman, Shelby, Tipton

Environmental Field Office - Nashville
711 R.S. Gass Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37243
(615) 687-7000
Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Stewart, Sumner, Williamson, Wilson

State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy:

Antidegradation determinations have been made in regard to the permits referenced in this Public Notice. Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is found in Chapter 0400-40-03-.06 of the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The primary purpose of the antidegradation policy is to establish a greater level of protection for those waters that are identified to be of high quality. Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Some high quality waters are those at near pristine conditions. These Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs) are specifically designated by the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas and are afforded the greatest level of protection. No new discharges or expansion of existing discharges are allowed to result in degradation of the existing water quality. Waters determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features and are identified by the Department as Exceptional Tennessee Waters are also protected against degradation.

Some degradation may be allowed in the Exceptional Tennessee Waters only if the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas deems it economically and socially necessary. Other surface waters not specifically identified and/or designated as high quality are referred to as waters with available or unavailable conditions. Generally, new discharges or increases in existing discharges may be allowed in waters not identified as ONRWs or Exceptional Tennessee Waters. The Division of Water Resource's evaluation of such discharges may include the following provisions:

- The proposed lowering of water quality by the discharge is necessary for economic growth or community benefit; the proposed discharge can not be mitigated by reasonable pollution prevention measures; and
- There is no other reasonable non-discharge alternative available to prevent the new/increased discharge to waters with available or unavailable conditions.

In all cases, the proposed discharge must meet water quality standards and fully protect all classified uses. Information used by the Division of Water Resources in evaluating any of the above provisions is available upon request.

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, William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102, 1-888-867-7455. ADA inquiries or complaints should be directed to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102, 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 can provide translation or interpretation services free of charge by contacting Brian Canada at 615-979-1406 or Brian.Canada@tn.gov.

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