



**Division of Water Resources
Natural Resources Unit**

NOTICE OF INDIVIDUAL PERMIT DECISIONS

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This serves as notice of the division's decisions on Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit or §401 Water Quality Certification applications previously posted for public comment. Publication of this notice serves as commencement of the thirty-day period for appeal by third parties pursuant to TCA 69-3-105(i). All documents pertaining to the Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit (ARAP) can be viewed on the TDEC website at [Report on Permits \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tdec.gov/Report-on-Permits)

NRS20.060-25	Applicant:	Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)		
	Activity:	Widen Blair Branch Road and relocate a portion of J. Bivens Road to tie into Blair Branch Road before the intersection with Old Athens Etowah Road. Proposed impacts include 0.25 acre forested wetland and two streams.		
	County:	McMinn		
	Resource:	Tom Foeman Creek, UT to Tom Foeman Creek, unnamed wetland		
	Action:	Issued	Date of Action:	20-MAY-25

NRS24.173	Applicant:	Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)		
	Activity:	The Tennessee Department of Transportation proposes permanent impacts to 84 feet of West Fork Stones River and Sinking Creek (total), temporary impacts to 10 linear feet for installation of utilities via open trench, and permanent impacts to 0.48 acres of wetland, respectively for widening SR-268 in Rutherford County. Wetlands mitigation will be through the purchase of 0.96 credits from the Coffee County Wetland Mitigation Bank..		
	County:	Rutherford		
	Resource:	West Fork Stones River and Sinking Creek		
	Action:	Issued	Date of Action:	21-MAY-25

NRS25.003	Applicant:	Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)		
	Activity:	Tennessee Valley Authority proposes temporary impacts to 33 streams for the installation of culverts and 0.33 acres of emergent wetland associated with access for the construction of 15.8 miles of new transmission line in Henderson and Chester Counties. Permanent impacts to wetlands are conversion of 3.74 acres forested wetland to emergent and long-term maintenance of 2.49 acres emergent wetlands to retain current state and functional capacity. The proposed compensatory mitigation for the conversion of forested to emergent wetlands will be offset by purchasing approximately 5.92 credits from the Gilmers Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank.		

County: Henderson
Resource: 14 jurisdictional wetlands and 33 jurisdictional streams
Action: Issued Date of Action: 21-MAY-25

NRS25.014 Applicant: East TN, LLC
Activity: East TN, LLC proposes to impact 432.8 feet of stream channel with the extension of an existing pipe culvert while expanding the Ole Smokey Distillery and Yee-Haw Brewery commercial development in Pigeon Forge. Impacts to streams result in 156.1 functional feet debits. Compensatory mitigation for the unavoidable impacts to aquatic resources will be provided by purchasing 74.65 functional feet credits from Smoky Run Mitigation Bank and 81.45 functional feet credits from Cave Spring Mitigation Bank.

County: Sevier
Resource: unnamed stream
Action: Issued Date of Action: 20-MAY-25

NRS25.015 Applicant: Lightning Renewables, LLC
Activity: Lightning Renewables, LLC proposes to install a water withdrawal pump on a floating platform in the East Fork of the Stones River in the pool of Walter Hill Reservoir in Rutherford County. The purpose of the water withdrawal is to supply water for a fire suppression system for a renewable natural gas facility.

County: Rutherford
Resource: E. Fork Stones River
Action: Issued Date of Action: 20-MAY-25

NRS25.054 Applicant: Bi-County Solid Waste Management
Activity: Bi-County Solid Waste Management proposes permanent fill of 0.43 acres of an unnamed wetland (WTL-5) associated with the expansion of the existing Bi-County Landfill in Woodlawn, Montgomery County. Wetland mitigation will be provided by a purchase of 1.68 wetland mitigation credits from the Tennessee Mitigation Fund in the Lower Cumberland River Service Area.

County: Montgomery
Resource: WTL-5
Action: Issued Date of Action: 20-MAY-25

NRS25.063 Applicant: Knoxville Utilities Board
Activity: Knoxville Utilities Board proposes to install 811 LF of 24-inch ductile iron water main and 768 LF of 16-inch ductile iron sewer force main under the Holston River at Boyds Pike Bridge within separate trenches by open-cut trenching techniques.

County: Knox
Resource: Holston River
Action: Issued Date of Action: 22-MAY-25
