



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

Public Notice Date: **June 03, 2025**
Public Notice Number: **MMXXV-022**
Expiration Date: **July 03, 2025**

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 applications, documents, draft permits, inspections and Notices of Intent (NOIs) received by the DWR is available on our DataViewer web pages (see links below)

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Summary of Proposed Permitting Actions

| | <u>Count</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Individual NPDES Permit | |
| Proposed Reissuance | 2 |
| Proposed Modification | 1 |
| State Operating Permit (SOP) | |
| Proposed Reissuance | 1 |
| Proposed Modification | 1 |

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Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Modification

Applicant Name **City of Decherd**

Project Name Decherd Water Works STP

Permit Number **TN0020508**

Discharger rating **Major**

Permit Writer Maybelle T. Sparks, P.E.
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County **Franklin**

EFO Name **Columbia**

Street Address/Location 311 4th Ave. South

City and/or Zip Code Decherd, TN 37324

Description of Activity Treatment of municipal sewage by primary clarifier, two oxidation ditch units, nutrient removal and ultraviolet disinfection. Modification eliminates the effluent limit for lead based on revised pass-through limit calculations using new instream monitoring data.

Effluent Description treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001

Receiving Stream Wagner Creek at mile 2.4

Facility Latitude 35.203168

Facility Longitude -86.078789

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Green Plains Obion LLC**

Project Name N/A

Permit Number **TN0080446**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Tricia Swaney
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County **Obion**

EFO Name **Jackson**

Street Address/Location 2098 McDonald Road

City and/or Zip Code Rives, TN 38253

Description of Activity Discharge of non-contact cooling water and non-process wastewater from a 125 million gallon per year ethanol manufacturing plant.

Effluent Description filter backwash, reverse osmosis (RO) reject wastewater, cooling tower blowdown, and softener regeneration wastewater from Outfall 001 via the Troy Wastewater Lagoon discharge line

Receiving Stream Obion River at mile 61.2 (tributary to Mississippi River)

Facility Latitude 36.283029

Facility Longitude -89.147736

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Town of Gainesboro**

Project Name Gainesboro STP

Permit Number **TN0026581**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Tricia Swaney
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County **Jackson**

EFO Name **Cookeville**

Street Address/Location 537 North Murray Street

City and/or Zip Code Gainesboro, TN 38562

Description of Activity treatment of municipal wastewater by sequencing batch reactor activated sludge with UV disinfection

Effluent Description treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001

Receiving Stream Cumberland River at mile 357.3

Facility Latitude 36.365703

Facility Longitude -85.655519

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Modification

Applicant Name **City of Blaine**

Project Name City of Blaine STP

Permit Number **SOP-10014**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Bryan Pope
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County **Grainger**

EFO Name **Knoxville**

Street Address/Location Milligan Lane

City and/or Zip Code Blaine, TN 37709

Description of Activity Treatment of municipal and residential wastewater with disinfection and disposal on city-owned 9 acres by drip irrigation. Permit modified downward from .105 to .098 MGD based on available dispersal area.

Wastewater Description Sanitary wastewater (no discharge allowed from this system)

Receiving Stream NA

Facility Latitude 36.168801

Facility Longitude -83.686232

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **James Derek Black- Rope'm And Soap'em Carwash**

Project Name Rope'm And Soap'em Carwash

Permit Number **SOP-99017**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Bradley Smith
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County **Giles**

EFO Name **Columbia**

Street Address/Location 12475 Minor Hill Highway (Hwy 11)

City and/or Zip Code Minor Hill, TN 38473

Description of Activity car wash operation: holding tanks and spray irrigation

Wastewater Description septic tank effluent; no discharge allowed

Receiving Stream West Fork Shoals Creek - no discharge

Facility Latitude 35.064456

Facility Longitude -87.152452

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 (July 03, 2025).

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 (July 03, 2025) 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, Wayr

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, Sumn Williamson, Wilson

Antidegradation:

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is designed to fully protect existing uses of all surface waters and to maintain existing conditions of high-quality waters.

The Antidegradation Statement applies only to new or increased discharges of pollutants. Most NPDES permits constitute renewals without an increased discharge: in this case, no antidegradation review is required.

An application for a new or increased discharge requires antidegradation review if it proposes greater than de minimis degradation (<5% for a single discharge, <=10% total for multiple discharges in the same stream segment) of waters with available parameters or Exceptional Tennessee Waters, the discharge of a pollutant for which the receiving water is impaired, or a discharge to one of the seven designated Outstanding National Resource Waters in the state. Tennessee conducts antidegradation review on a parameter-by-parameter basis. See Rule 0400-40-03-.06 for detailed antidegradation requirements.

State of Tennessee Policy of Non-Discrimination:

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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. Please contact Mr. Brian Canada at 615-979-1406 or Brian.Canada@tn.gov for more information.

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