



**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: **September 02, 2025**  
Public Notice Number: **MMXXV-035**  
Expiration Date: **October 02, 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)*

[Active DWR Permits - Tabular Display](#)

[Permits on Public Notice Map](#)

**Summary of Proposed Permitting Actions**

	<u>Count</u>
<b>Individual NPDES Permit</b>	
Proposed Reissuance	1
<b>State Operating Permit (SOP)</b>	
Proposed Reissuance	3
Proposed New Permit Issuance	1

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## Individual NPDES Permit

### ***Proposed Reissuance***

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Applicant Name **Sonoco Products Company**

Project Name Newport Facility

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Permit Number **TN0003735**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Timothy Hunziker  
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Timothy.Hunziker@tn.gov

County **Cocke**

EFO Name **Knoxville**

Street Address/Location 766 Industrial Road

City and/or Zip Code Newport, TN 37821

Description of Activity discharge of process and sanitary wastewater from a facility recycling cardboard and paper products into paperboard via a mechanical processing plant with no ink removal (non-deink)

Effluent Description process wastewater (Outfall 001) and sanitary wastewater (Outfall 002)

Receiving Stream Pigeon River at mile 0.9 (Outfall 001) and at mile 1.0 (Outfall 002)

Facility Latitude 36.016424

Facility Longitude -83.204917

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## State Operating Permit (SOP)

### *Proposed New Permit Issuance*

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Applicant Name **Tennessee State Parks**

Project Name **Roan Mountain State Park**

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Permit Number **SOP-25027**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer **Bryan Pope**  
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Bryan.Pope@tn.gov

County **Carter, Lake**

EFO Name **Johnson City**

Street Address/Location **1015 Hwy 143**

City and/or Zip Code **Roan Mountain, TN 37687**

Description of Activity **Attached growth media filter with UV disinfection to drip dispersal**

Wastewater Description **Treated wastewater (secondary effluent); No discharge allowed. Typical effluent from park operations and cabins.**

Receiving Stream **No discharge**

Facility Latitude **36.168088**

Facility Longitude **-82.098414**

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## State Operating Permit (SOP)

### *Proposed Reissuance*

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Applicant Name **Rutherford County Schools**

Project Name Kittrell Elementary School

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Permit Number **SOP-15025**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Bradley Smith  
(731) 234-1408  
Bradley.E.Smith@tn.gov

County **Rutherford**

EFO Name **Nashville**

Street Address/Location 7801 Woodbury Pike

City and/or Zip Code Readyville, TN 37149

Description of Activity Septic tank, effluent collection system, recirculating sand filter and fenced drip irrigation.

Wastewater Description treated wastewater (secondary effluent); no discharge allowed

Receiving Stream Cripple Creek - No Discharge

Facility Latitude 35.829167

Facility Longitude -86.250000

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## State Operating Permit (SOP)

### *Proposed Reissuance*

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Applicant Name **Rutherford County Schools**

Project Name Wilson Elementary School

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Permit Number **SOP-00052**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Bradley Smith  
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County **Rutherford**

EFO Name **Nashville**

Street Address/Location Angie Drive at Cut-Off Road

City and/or Zip Code Murfreesboro, TN 37133

Description of Activity septic tanks, recirculating sand filter, UV disinfection (not fenced - attractive access) and drip irrigation

Wastewater Description treated wastewater (secondary effluent); no discharge allowed

Receiving Stream East Fork Stones River - No Discharge

Facility Latitude 35.978611

Facility Longitude -86.402778

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## State Operating Permit (SOP)

### *Proposed Reissuance*

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Applicant Name **Sewanee Utility District of Franklin & Marion Counties**

Project Name Municipal Sewerage System

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Permit Number **SOP-83005**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Bryan Pope  
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County **Franklin**

EFO Name **Columbia**

Street Address/Location 26 Sherwood Road

City and/or Zip Code Sewanee, TN 37375

Description of Activity Collection system, facultative lagoons and spray irrigation.

Wastewater Description Treated wastewater (secondary effluent), No discharge allowed

Receiving Stream No discharge

Facility Latitude 35.183333

Facility Longitude -85.941667

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## 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](mailto:Water.Permits@tn.gov). Comments must be received by the public notice expiration date (October 02, 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 (October 02, 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

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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

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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

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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

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Environmental Field Office - Johnson City

2305 Silverdale Road

Johnson City, TN 37601

(423) 854-5400

Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington

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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

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Environmental Field Office - Memphis

8383 Wolf Lake Drive

Bartlett, TN 38133-4119

(901) 371-3000

Fayette, Hardeman, Shelby, Tipton

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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

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## **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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