



**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: **March 31, 2026**

Public Notice Number: **MMXXVI-013**

Expiration Date: **April 30, 2026**

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

[All Active DWR Permits](#)

[Map Showing Permits on Public Notice](#)

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Summary of Proposed Permitting Actions

	<u>Count</u>
Individual NPDES Permit	
Proposed Reissuance	2
State Operating Permit (SOP)	
Proposed Reissuance	3

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

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **City of Sweetwater**

Project Name Sweetwater STP

Permit Number **TN0020052**

Permit Rating **Major**

Permit Coordinator Oscar Montenegro
(615) 532-0623
Oscar.Montenegro@tn.gov

County **Monroe**

EFO Name **Knoxville**

Street Address/Location 1140 North Main Street

City and/or Zip Code Sweetwater, TN 37874

Description of Activity Treatment of municipal sewage via equalization, screening, two sequencing batch reactors and UV disinfection

Effluent Description treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody Sweetwater Creek at mile 19.4

Activity Latitude 35.611667

Activity Longitude -84.458611

Applicant	Sweetwater Utilities Board c/o Eric Hicks P.O. Box 191 Sweetwater, TN 37874 423-337-5081
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Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Morgan County Schools**

Project Name Coalfield School

Permit Number **TN0023078**

Permit Rating **Minor**

Permit Coordinator Oscar Montenegro
(615) 532-0623
Oscar.Montenegro@tn.gov

County **Morgan**

EFO Name **Knoxville**

Street Address/Location 1720 Coal Hill Road

City and/or Zip Code Coalfield, TN 37719

Description of Activity Treatment of domestic wastewater by activated sludge with disposal through either drip irrigation (primary means after drip disposal installation) or UV disinfection and direct discharge as emergency backup (after drip disposal installation)

Effluent Description treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody Davis Branch at mile 0.2

Activity Latitude 36.027669

Activity Longitude -84.420940

Applicant Morgan County Schools c/o Jamie Pemberton 136 Flat Fork Rd Wartburg, TN 37887 423-346-6214

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Consolidated Utility District of Rutherford County**

Project Name Heatherwood Subdivision (Section II)

Permit Number **SOP-05042**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Rutherford**

EFO Name **Nashville**

Street Address/Location 505 Heatherwood Drive

City and/or Zip Code Murfreesboro, TN 37133

Description of Activity STEP/STEG collection system, recirculating sand filter, UV disinfection and drip dispersal on 8.7 acres of suitable soil with a loading rate of 0.13 gpd/sf.

Wastewater Description treated domestic wastewater; no discharge allowed

Stream/Waterbody Overall Creek - No Discharge

Activity Latitude 35.896482

Activity Longitude -86.490822

Applicant Consolidated Utility District of Rutherford County c/o Roger Goodson PO BOX 249 Murfreesboro, TN 37133 615-893-7302

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Savannah Food Company, LLC.**

Project Name N/A

Permit Number **SOP-00056**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Hardin**

EFO Name **Jackson**

Street Address/Location 575 INDUSTRIAL RD

City and/or Zip Code Savannah, TN 38372

Description of Activity Spray irrigation of treated wash down water generated during activities associated with food manufacturing.

Wastewater Description treated industrial process water; no discharge allowed

Stream/Waterbody Barnhill Branch - No Discharge

Activity Latitude 35.164597

Activity Longitude -88.232800

Applicant Savannah Food Company, LLC c/o Terry Sebastian 575 Industrial Road Savannah, TN 38372 -

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc.**

Project Name Meadowland Subdivision Section II

Permit Number **SOP-11014**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Montgomery**

EFO Name **Nashville**

Street Address/Location I-24 adjoining Memory Lane

City and/or Zip Code Clarksville, TN

Description of Activity Septic tanks, effluent collection system, recirculating media filter and drip dispersal on 1.63 fenced acres of suitable soil with a loading rate of 0.2 gpd/sf

Wastewater Description treated domestic wastewater; no discharge allowed

Stream/Waterbody Coon Creek - No Discharge

Activity Latitude 36.495833

Activity Longitude -87.170833

Applicant Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc.
c/o Jeff Risdien
849 Aviation Pkwy
Smyrna, TN 37167
615-220-7171

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 comment on the above listed permitting actions. 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 Davy Crockett Tower, 9th Floor, 500 James Robertson Parkway, 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 (April 30, 2026).

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 (April 30, 2026) 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 on the DWR DataViewer https://dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/pls/enf_reports/f?p=2005:34001, by contacting TDEC at <https://www.tn.gov/environment/contacts/about-field-offices.html> or 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

1844 Foreman Dr, Suite 101

Cookeville, TN 38501

(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

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 at Davy Crockett Tower, 5th Floor, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102, 1-888-867-7455. ADA inquiries or complaints should be directed to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division at Davy Crockett Tower, 5th Floor, 500 James Robertson Parkway, 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 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.

Si le resulta difícil leer, hablar o comprender inglés, TDEC puede proporcionarle servicios de traducción o interpretación sin cargo comunicándose con Brian Canada al 615-979-1406 o Brian.Canada@tn.gov.

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