



Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions Public Participation Opportunity

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
Division of Water Resources (DWR)

Public Notice Date: **May 05, 2026**

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Expiration Date: **June 04, 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)

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[Map Showing Permits on Public Notice](#)

[Public Participation Opportunities](#)

Summary of Proposed Permitting Actions

	<u>Count</u>
Individual NPDES Permit	
Proposed Reissuance	3
State Operating Permit (SOP)	
Proposed Modification	1
Proposed Reissuance	2

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

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **TA Operating LLC**

Project Name Denmark TravelCenter

Permit Number **TN0022519**

Permit Rating **Minor**

Permit Coordinator Tricia Swaney
(615) 253-5407
Tricia.Swaney@tn.gov

County **Madison**

Environmental Field Office **Jackson**

Street Address/Location 155 Providence Road

City and Zip Code Denmark, TN 38391

Description of Activity Treatment via activated sludge, chlorination and de-chlorination of domestic sewage from a travel center offering restaurant, store, fueling, and truck maintenance service.

Effluent Description treated domestic wastewater through Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody Panther Creek at mile 6.9 for Outfall 001

Activity Latitude 35.594722

Activity Longitude -89.056667

Applicant Contact:

c/o Sarah Paulson
24601 Center Ridge Road
Westlake, OH 44145
440-808-4459

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)**

Project Name Watauga Hydro Plant

Permit Number **TN0027545**

Permit Rating **Minor**

Permit Coordinator Timothy Hunziker
(615) 981-7879
Timothy.Hunziker@tn.gov

County **Carter**

Environmental Field Office **Johnson City**

Street Address/Location 774 Wilbur Dam Road

City and Zip Code Elizabethton, TN 37643

Description of Activity A two unit hydroelectric plant, located on the Watauga River (RM 35.7), having a combined generating capacity of 58 megawatts

Effluent Description various sump discharges and equipment noncontact cooling waters from Outfalls 001 through 008 (eight outfalls); wheel pit effluent floor, pope gallery drainage, air compressor condensate blowdown, draft tube and scroll case dewatering, minor potable water leakage, Generator Air and Oil Coolers, Noncontact cooling water for surface air and bearing oil, Control building air condition heat exchangers, turbine bearing and thrust bearing oil coolers;

Stream/Waterbody Watauga River at mile 35.7

Activity Latitude 36.329975

Activity Longitude -82.126390

Applicant Contact:

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
c/o Allen Clare
1101 Market Street LP 2K-C
Chattanooga, TN 37402
423-751-6336

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Williamson County Schools**

Project Name Hillsboro School - K-8

Permit Number **TN0057827**

Permit Rating **Minor**

Permit Coordinator Tricia Swaney
(615) 253-5407
Tricia.Swaney@tn.gov

County **Williamson**

Environmental Field Office **Nashville**

Street Address/Location 5412 Pinewood Road

City and Zip Code Franklin, TN 37342

Description of Activity Treatment of domestic wastewater via influent equalization and septic tanks, pre-aeration, two fixed film modular trickling filters with integral clarifiers (Bioclere units) in series, two parallel trains of two-stage modular textile fixed-film (Advantex) treatment units, post aeration and UV disinfection.

Effluent Description treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody Pinewood Branch at mile 0.1 to Wilkie Branch at mile 0.5

Activity Latitude 35.891954

Activity Longitude -87.015543

Applicant Contact:

Williamson County Schools
c/o Adam Christopher
1761 West Main Street
Franklin, TN 37064
615-472-4974

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Modification

Applicant Name **City of Camden**

Project Name Camden STP

Permit Number **SOP-15022**

Permit Rating **Minor**

Permit Coordinator Bryan Pope
(931) 722-9592
Bryan.Pope@tn.gov

County **Benton**

Environmental Field Office **Jackson**

Street Address/Location Hildon King Road

City and Zip Code Camden, TN 38320

Description of Activity Collection system, 2-cell, partial mix lagoon, storage lake and partially fenced spray irrigation system on +/- 300 acres in Benton County to serve the City of Camden. The treatment capacity is 0.5 MGD and the irrigation disposal capacity is 1.5 MGD with a .25 gpd / sf loading rate. This permit modifies the E. coli limit from 941 cfu / 100 ml to 410 cfu / 100 ml.

Wastewater Description No discharge allowed from this system

Stream/Waterbody N/A

Activity Latitude 36.047500

Activity Longitude -88.074722

Applicant Contact:

City of Camden
c/o John Beasley
PO Box 779
Camden, TN 38320
731-584-4656

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Reissuance

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

Project Name Travis Estates Subdivision, Section I & II

Permit Number **SOP-06007**

Permit Rating **Minor**

Permit Coordinator Bryan Pope
(931) 722-9592
Bryan.Pope@tn.gov

County **Rutherford**

Environmental Field Office **Nashville**

Street Address/Location Almaville Rd & Burnt Knob Rd south of Smyrna

City and Zip Code Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Description of Activity STEP / STEG, effluent collection system, recirculating sand filter lined with membrane and disinfection to fenced drip irrigation on 3.5 acres of suitable soil and an additional 1.8 in reserve. A loading rate of 1.5 inches / acre / week will be utilized.

Wastewater Description Typical effluent from residential homes.

Stream/Waterbody Stewarts Creek, No Discharge.

Activity Latitude 35.888889

Activity Longitude -86.555833

Applicant Contact:

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 **Cove Mountain Realty, Inc.**

Project Name Cove Mountain Treatment Facility

Permit Number **SOP-18034**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Sevier**

Environmental Field Office **Knoxville**

Street Address/Location 3115 Wears Valley Road

City and Zip Code Sevierville, TN 37862

Description of Activity recirculating media filter with drip dispersal on 0.8 fenced acres of suitable soil with a loading rate of 0.18 gpd/sf.

Wastewater Description treated domestic wastewater; no discharge allowed

Stream/Waterbody Cove Creek - No Discharge

Activity Latitude 35.727200

Activity Longitude -83.632400

Applicant Contact:

Cove Mountain Realty
c/o Mike Miller
3202 Wears Valley Road
Sevierville, TN 37862
865-429-5577

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 (June 04, 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 (June 04, 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, Wayne

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, 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 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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