



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: **August 25, 2026**

Public Notice Number: **MMXXVI-034**

Expiration Date: **September 24, 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](#)

[Public Participation Opportunities](#)

Summary of Proposed Permitting Actions

	<u>Count</u>
Individual NPDES Permit	
Proposed Reissuance	4
State Operating Permit (SOP)	
Proposed Reissuance	1
Proposed Modification	1

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

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Carter County Board of Education dba Carter County Schools**

Project Name Hampton Elementary School

Permit Number **TN0023698**

Permit Rating **Minor**

Permit Coordinator Priyaa Dhasarathy
(615) 913-0076
Priyaa.Dhasarathy@tn.gov

County **Carter**

Environmental Field Office **Johnson City**

Street Address/Location 408 Highway 321

City and Zip Code Hampton, TN 37658

Description of Activity treatment of domestic wastewater by extended aeration

Effluent Description treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody Laurel Fork Creek at mile 0.5

Activity Latitude 36.286389

Activity Longitude -82.167222

Applicant Contact:

Carter County-Department of Water & Sewer Services
c/o Christian Montgomery
PO Box 2466
Johnson City, TN 37605
828-504-2175

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **City of Bells**

Project Name Bells Wastewater Lagoon

Permit Number **TN0026247**

Permit Rating **Major**

Permit Coordinator Priyaa Dhasarathy
(615) 913-0076
Priyaa.Dhasarathy@tn.gov

County **Crockett**

Environmental Field Office **Jackson**

Street Address/Location Highway 70-79

City and Zip Code Bells, TN 38006

Description of Activity Biological Treatment (lagoon) of municipal wastewater followed by chlorine disinfecting as needed.

Effluent Description treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody South Fork Forked Deer River at mile 36

Activity Latitude 35.693000

Activity Longitude -89.110300

Applicant Contact:

City of Bells
c/o Eric Jordan
P.O. Box 760
Bells, TN 38006
731-663-2334

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Copper Basin Utility District**

Project Name Copper Basin U.D. STP

Permit Number **TN0059358**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Polk**

Environmental Field Office **Chattanooga**

Street Address/Location 125 Industrial Park Drive

City and Zip Code Ducktown, TN 37326

Description of Activity treatment of domestic sewage by extended aeration activated sludge process
and disinfection by chlorination

Effluent Description treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody Ocoee River at mile 33.1

Activity Latitude 35.031742

Activity Longitude -84.397400

Applicant Contact:

Copper Basin Utility District
c/o James Davis
2597 Highway 68
Turtletown, TN 37391
423-496-5744

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Trenton Light and Water**

Project Name Trenton WWTP

Permit Number **TN0078271**

Permit Rating **Major**

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

County **Gibson**

Environmental Field Office **Jackson**

Street Address/Location 407 North College Street

City and Zip Code Trenton, TN 38382

Description of Activity Treatment of municipal wastewater via sequencing batch reactor and chlorination

Effluent Description Treated Municipal Wastewater

Stream/Waterbody North Fork Forked Deer River at river mile 35.4 (at confluence of Cain Creek to the North Fork Forked Deer River)

Activity Latitude 35.986605

Activity Longitude -88.944312

Applicant Contact:

Trenton Wastewater Treatment Plant
c/o Joe Wamble
P.O. Box 260
Trenton, TN 38382
731-855-1561

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Modification

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

Project Name East Fork Homes Subdivision

Permit Number **SOP-25006**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Rutherford**

Environmental Field Office **Nashville**

Street Address/Location along the south side of Central Valley Rd, west of Lebanon Pike

City and Zip Code Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Description of Activity Fixed Film Media Filter with disinfection to fenced drip dispersal on approximately 13 acres of suitable soil with 4.89 acres in reserve for 156 homes. A loading rate of .15 gpd / sf will be utilized.

Wastewater Description typical residential effluent

Stream/Waterbody East Fork Stones River, approx 2,100 LF north of the site

Activity Latitude 35.936944

Activity Longitude -86.386111

Applicant Contact:

Consolidated Utility District of Rutherford County
c/o Roger Goodson
P.O. Box 249
Murfreesboro, TN 37133
615-893-7225

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Arnold Engineering Development Complex**

Project Name Arnold AFB FAMCAMP - RV Park Dump Station

Permit Number **SOP-16025**

Permit Rating **Minor**

Permit Coordinator Maybelle T. Sparks, P.E.
(615) 532-0651
Maybelle.Sparks@tn.gov

County **Franklin**

Environmental Field Office **Columbia**

Street Address/Location North Shore Road

City and Zip Code Arnold AFB, TN 37389

Description of Activity Collection of only recreational vehicle (RV) waste for periodic pumping and hauling to a public sewer system.

Wastewater Description No discharge allowed.

Stream/Waterbody N/A

Activity Latitude 35.323889

Activity Longitude -86.083417

Applicant Contact:

c/o Grant Mizell
100 Kindel Drive, Suite A-303
Arnold AFB, TN 37389
931-454-5201

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 (September 24, 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 (September 24, 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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