



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: **September 15, 2026**
Public Notice Number: **MMXXVI-037**
Expiration Date: **October 15, 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	4
State Operating Permit (SOP)	
Proposed New Permit Issuance	2
Proposed Reissuance	1

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

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Bill Rice Ranch, Inc.**

Project Name N/A

Permit Number **TN0057975**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Rutherford**

Environmental Field Office **Nashville**

Street Address/Location 627 Bill Rice Ranch Road

City and Zip Code Murfreesboro, TN 37128

Description of Activity 2 activated sludge plants (parallel) to rapid gravity sand filter & disinfection.

Effluent Description treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody unnamed tributary at mile 3.2 to Stewart Creek at mile 18.5

Activity Latitude 35.840278

Activity Longitude -86.561111

Applicant Contact:

Bill Rice Ranch WWTP
c/o Matt Downs
627 Bill Rice Ranch Road
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
615-893-2767

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Johnson City**

Project Name Knob Creek STP

Permit Number **TN0024236**

Permit Rating **Major**

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

County **Washington**

Environmental Field Office **Johnson City**

Street Address/Location 509 Austin Springs Road

City and Zip Code Johnson City, TN 37601

Description of Activity Treatment of municipal sewage using mechanical bar screen, grit chamber, aeration basin, oxidation ditch, clarifiers, and chlorine contact chamber. This permit proposes reduced monitoring frequencies.

Effluent Description Treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody Watauga River at mile 11.3

Activity Latitude 36.377429

Activity Longitude -82.360043

Applicant Contact:

Water & Sewer Services Department
c/o Jonathan Lane
P.O. Box 2466
Johnson City, TN 37601
423-434-6061

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Johnson City**

Project Name Brush Creek WWTP

Permit Number **TN0024244**

Permit Rating **Major**

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

County **Washington**

Environmental Field Office **Johnson City**

Street Address/Location 857 Riverview Drive

City and Zip Code Johnson City, TN 37605

Description of Activity Treatment of municipal sewage using mechanical screen, grit chamber, primary clarifiers, activated sludge aeration basins, secondary clarifiers, chlorine contact chamber, and dechlorination. This permit proposes reduced monitoring frequencies.

Effluent Description Treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody Watauga River Mile 16.4

Activity Latitude 36.372500

Activity Longitude -82.316111

Applicant Contact:

Water & Sewer Services Department
c/o Jon Lane
601 E MAIN ST
Johnson City, TN 37601-4817
423-434-6061

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **The Pictsweet Company**

Project Name N/A

Permit Number **TN0055786**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Crockett**

Environmental Field Office **Jackson**

Street Address/Location 10 Pictsweet Dr

City and Zip Code Bells, TN 38006

Description of Activity Processing and freezing vegetables (washing, trimming, cutting, blanching, cooling and freezing)

Effluent Description condenser cooling water from Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody wet weather conveyance to mile 2.9 of an unnamed tributary to mile 35.8 of South Fork of the Forked Deer River

Activity Latitude 35.712800

Activity Longitude -89.086100

Applicant Contact:

The Pictsweet Company
c/o Josh Work
10 Pictsweet Drive
Bells, TN 38006
731-663-7600

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed New Permit Issuance

Applicant Name **Swanson Developments**

Project Name Fox Camp Commercial TF

Permit Number **SOP-26019**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Rutherford**

Environmental Field Office **Nashville**

Street Address/Location Bradyville Pike just east of Pebble Brooke Drive

City and Zip Code Murfreesboro, TN 37127

Description of Activity Treats domestic wastewater from 17 commercial units using a STEP system, Bioclere, UV disinfection, and drip dispersal (fenced) across 0.5 acres, operating at 0.2 gpd/sf and designed for 2,550 GPD.

Wastewater Description secondary treated effluent from commercial activities

Stream/Waterbody no discharge

Activity Latitude 35.802588

Activity Longitude -86.330260

Applicant Contact:

c/o Joe Swanson
1188 Park Avenue
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
615-896-0000

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed New Permit Issuance

Applicant Name **Town of Thompson's Station**

Project Name Winlowe Wastewater TF

Permit Number **SOP-26016**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Williamson**

Environmental Field Office **Nashville**

Street Address/Location 2601 Tom Anderson Rd

City and Zip Code Franklin, TN 37064

Description of Activity Gravity to Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR) and UV disinfection before drip dispersal on 3.73 total acres of land application area (fenced) utilizing 0.1-0.2 gpd/sf loading rate at design flow of 0.015 MGD serving 50 homes.

Wastewater Description domestic wastewater

Stream/Waterbody No discharge

Activity Latitude 35.817472

Activity Longitude -86.855526

Applicant Contact:

Thompson's Station
c/o Micah Wood
1500 Thompson's Station Road West
Thompsons Station, TN 37179
615-794-4333

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Tennessee State Parks**

Project Name Rock Island State Park

Permit Number **SOP-06009**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Warren**

Environmental Field Office **Cookeville**

Street Address/Location BEACH RD 82

City and Zip Code Rock Island, TN 38581

Description of Activity Septic tanks, effluent collection system, recirculating sand filter, UV disinfection and drip irrigation on 2.38 acres of suitable soil. An application rate of 1.5 inches/acre/week will be utilized.

Wastewater Description No discharge allowed from this system

Stream/Waterbody Caney Fork. No discharge.

Activity Latitude 35.815278

Activity Longitude -85.651389

Applicant Contact:

TDEC - TN State Parks
c/o Tim Stewart
500 James Robertson Parkway, 8th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243
615-517-0598

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500 James Robertson Parkway, 8th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243
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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 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 (October 15, 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 (October 15, 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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