



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 22, 2026**
Public Notice Number: **MMXXVI-038**
Expiration Date: **October 22, 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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Please bring this notice to the attention of persons you believe will be interested.

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **GT Refractory Solutions, LLC**

Project Name N/A

Permit Number **TN0001872**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Lawrence**

Environmental Field Office **Columbia**

Street Address/Location 22 Carbon Drive

City and Zip Code Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

Description of Activity Manufacture of carbon brick primarily for the steel industry and metal ceramics refractories for high temperature applications. This facility recycles treated wastewater back to the industrial process. Discharge of contact cooling water, noncontact cooling water, treated domestic wastewater and stormwater may occur when wet weather results in source water exceeding production demand.

Effluent Description contact and noncontact cooling water, storm water runoff and treated domestic wastewater through Outfall 001 and storm water runoff through Outfall SW1

Stream/Waterbody unnamed tributary at mile 0.62 to Shoal Creek at mile 51.9 for Outfall 001 and Redding Branch for Outfall SW1

Activity Latitude 35.199293

Activity Longitude -87.343587

Applicant Contact:

c/o Gary Kinshofer
PO Box 1748
McHenry, IL 60051
931-279-9403

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Giles County Board of Education**

Project Name Richland School

Permit Number **TN0054810**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Giles**

Environmental Field Office **Columbia**

Street Address/Location 10610 Columbia Highway

City and Zip Code Lynnville, TN 38472

Description of Activity treatment of wastewater by septic tank, recirculation sand filter and UV disinfection

Effluent Description treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody Robertson Fork Creek at mile 1.2

Activity Latitude 35.339796

Activity Longitude -87.031934

Applicant Contact:

Giles County Board of Education
c/o Vickie Beard
270 Richland Dr.
Pulaski, TN 38478
931-363-4558

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Loudon Utilities Board**

Project Name Loudon STP

Permit Number **TN0058181**

Permit Rating **Major**

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

County **Loudon**

Environmental Field Office **Knoxville**

Street Address/Location 122 Blair Bend Drive

City and Zip Code Loudon, TN 37774

Description of Activity Treatment of municipal sewage via conventional activated sludge treatment and chlorine disinfecting

Effluent Description treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001

Stream/Waterbody Watts Bar Reservoir (Tennessee River Mile 591.6)

Activity Latitude 35.738891

Activity Longitude -84.327608

Applicant Contact:

Loudon Utilities
c/o Eduardo Adame
PO BOX 69
Loudon, TN 37774
865-458-7578

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

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

Project Name Chickamauga Hydro Plant

Permit Number **TN0027413**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Hamilton**

Environmental Field Office **Chattanooga**

Street Address/Location 4601 Amnicola Hwy.

City and Zip Code Chattanooga, TN 37406

Description of Activity The hydroelectric generating plant has 4 hydraulic turbine generators with a combined generation capacity of 140 megawatts.

Effluent Description noncontact cooling waters, station sump wastewater (which includes waters such as cooling water; river water leaked into the plant; river water from unwatering of penstock, scroll case, and draft tube; air compressor blowdown and other condensate; and floor washwater); river water from unwatering operations; backwash of strainers; test waters from fire protection system; and spent waters from activities including pressure washing of painted surfaces, drilling or slot cutting the dam and washing equipment from Outfalls 001-009

Stream/Waterbody Tennessee River (Nickajack Reservoir) at mile 471

Activity Latitude 35.104167

Activity Longitude -85.229167

Applicant Contact:

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
c/o Tom Barnett
400 West Summit Hill Dr. SW
Chattanooga, TN 37402
865-809-1412

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Modification

Applicant Name **THE LILY BARN, LLC TENNESSEE**

Project Name Miss Lily's Cafe & Lodge

Permit Number **SOP-07078**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Blount**

Environmental Field Office **Knoxville**

Street Address/Location 122 Depot Street

City and Zip Code Townsend, TN 37882

Description of Activity Modification to reflect only Phase 1 of the original project scope. To include septic tank, recirculating media filters, UV disinfection and drip dispersal on 0.2 acres of approved soil area with a loading rate of 0.19 gpd/sf.

Wastewater Description treated sanitary wastewater; no discharge allowed

Stream/Waterbody Little River - No Discharge

Activity Latitude 35.678333

Activity Longitude -83.750000

Applicant Contact:

Miss Lily's Cafe & Lodge
c/o Steve Fillmore
122 Depot St.
Townsend, TN 37882
865-679-3933

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Modification

Applicant Name **The Classic Drive-In Theater INC**

Project Name Classic Drive-In Theater Treatment Facility

Permit Number **SOP-24014**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Robertson**

Environmental Field Office **Nashville**

Street Address/Location US Hwy 431 Map 122 Parcel 111.01

City and Zip Code Coopertown, TN 37073

Description of Activity recirculating media filter followed by subsurface drip dispersal on 1.5 acres of suitable soil. This modification removes 177 parking spaces and includes the addition of a retail building for a total of 423 parking spaces and one retail facility with a reduced flow of .00543 MGD.

Wastewater Description treated wastewater; no discharge allowed

Stream/Waterbody Bednigo Branch 1000ft down gradient - no discharge

Activity Latitude 36.419500

Activity Longitude -86.898800

Applicant Contact:

The Classic Drive-In
c/o Michael Crawley
100 Mooreland Drive
Springfield, TN 37172
615-483-6086

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Modification

Applicant Name **Watts Bar Utility District**

Project Name Paint Rock Ferry Road Low Pressure Forcemain with Hwy 58 Low Pressure Forcemain Addition

Permit Number **SOP-23011**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Roane**

Environmental Field Office **Knoxville**

Street Address/Location Paint Rock Ferry Road

City and Zip Code Kingston, TN 37763

Description of Activity Approximately 3,900 LF of 6" PVC forcemain constructed along Paint Rock Ferry Rd. and approximately 6,400 LF of 12" low-pressure forcemain across the Tennessee River to Kingston in Roane County. This modification adds to the collection system the proposed Hwy 58 sewer line.

Wastewater Description No discharge allowed

Stream/Waterbody Tennessee River

Activity Latitude 35.842897

Activity Longitude -84.493249

Applicant Contact:

Watts Bar Utility District
c/o Mickey Barger
PO Box 910
Kingston, TN 37763
865-270-8070

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed New Permit Issuance

Applicant Name **ROGERS GROUP, INC.**

Project Name Burnt Knob Asphalt Plant

Permit Number **SOP-25024**

Permit Rating **Minor**

Permit Coordinator Jane Wilson
(615) 487-9262
Jane.Wilson@tn.gov

County **Rutherford**

Environmental Field Office **Nashville**

Street Address/Location 5920 Burnt Knob Road

City and Zip Code Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Description of Activity Operation of a holding tank for treatment under contract at the Murfreesboro POTW. The system will serve a toilet and lavatory at an asphalt plant laboratory control building.

Wastewater Description Untreated domestic sewage from toilets and lavatories in an asphalt laboratory control building that performs product quality control on product.

Stream/Waterbody Not Applicable. No discharge permitted.

Activity Latitude 35.887770

Activity Longitude -86.527777

Applicant Contact:

c/o Anthony Russo
421 Great Circle Road
Nashville, TN 37228
615-347-6683

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 Recirculating Media Filter and UV disinfection before drip dispersal on 1.87 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:

Town of Thompson's Station
c/o Micah Wood
1550 Thompson Station Rd. W.
Thompsons Station, TN 37179
615-794-4333

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Carmax Auto Superstores, Inc.**

Project Name Store number 6082

Permit Number **SOP-16019**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Sullivan**

Environmental Field Office **Johnson City**

Street Address/Location 449 Pinnacle Pkwy

City and Zip Code Bristol, TN 37620

Description of Activity Carwash without chemical additives with wash water collection for discharge into city sewer

Wastewater Description No discharge allowed

Stream/Waterbody NA

Activity Latitude 36.591867

Activity Longitude -82.259064

Applicant Contact:

CarMax Auto Superstores, Inc.
c/o Christina McClelland
12800 Tuckahoe Creek Parkway
Richmond, VA 23238
804-747-0422

State Operating Permit (SOP)

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **United Cleanup Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR)**

Project Name Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Permit Number **SOP-07014**

Permit Rating **Minor**

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

County **Roane**

Environmental Field Office **Knoxville**

Street Address/Location 1 Bethel Valley Road

City and Zip Code Oak Ridge, TN 37831

Description of Activity Multiple holding tanks for pump and haul of domestic wastewater to a POTW from temporary activities at remote locations not serviceable by existing sewer.

Wastewater Description No discharge allowed from this system

Stream/Waterbody N/A

Activity Latitude 35.924670

Activity Longitude -84.316367

Applicant Contact:

c/o Emily Day
PO Box 4699 MS 7240
Oak Ridge, TN 37831
505-379-3802

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 22, 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 22, 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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