DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
MINING SECTION

Public Participation Opportunities
Request for Public Comments
Draft Permit Actions

February 10, 2017

Public Notice: M2017-01
Last Day to Comment: March 14, 2017

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following draft environmental permits and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment. The draft permits are available on the Division's *Data Viewer* at the web address: http://environment-online.tn.gov:8080/pls/enf_reports/f?p=9034:34001.

The Division has made the determination that the following NPDES permit applications are complete as required by Rule *0400-40-03-.06(1)(c).*

Individual NPDES Permits

Coal Reissuances

Applicant	**Middlesboro Mining Operations, Inc.**				
Facility	**Jellico North Deep Mine**				
Permit Number	**TN0072176**	Permit Writer Initials	**DPL**	Discharge Rating	**Minor**
County	**Claiborne**			EFO Name	**Knoxville**
Street Address	Valley Creek Road				
City and Zip Code	Clairfield 37715				
Description of Activity	Bituminous coal underground mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Streams	Valley Creek, Bear Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.5600	Longitude		-83.8833

Applicant	**Middlesboro Mining Operations, Inc.**				
Facility	**Jellico South Deep Mine**				
Permit Number	**TN0072818**	Permit Writer Initials	**DPL**	Discharge Rating	**Minor**
County	**Claiborne**			EFO Name	**Knoxville**
Street Address	Valley Creek Road				
City and Zip Code	Clairfield 37715				
Description of Activity	Bituminous coal underground mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Valley Creek, Unnamed tributary to Valley Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.5624	Longitude		-83.8915

Non-Coal Issuance

Applicant	**Childer's Hill Sand & Gravel**				
Facility	**Childer's Hill Pit**				
Permit Number	**TN0070211**	Permit Writer Initials	**JIF**	Discharge Rating	**Minor**
County	**Hardin**			EFO Name	**Jackson**
Street Address	410 Gladden Road				
City and Zip Code	Counce 38326				
Description of Activity	Construction sand and gravel mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributaries to Lick Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.081946	Longitude		-88.332217

Non-Coal Reissuance

Applicant	**S & S Rock, Inc.**				
Facility	**Old Fort Quarry**				
Permit Number	**TN0066346**	Permit Writer Initials	**MES**	Discharge Rating	**Minor**
County	**Polk**			EFO Name	**Chattanooga**
Street Address	316 Stafford Road				
City and Zip Code	Old Fort 37362				
Description of Activity	Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Old Fort Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.06575	Longitude		-84.71509

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8383 Wolf Lake Drive
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How to Comment

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is requesting public comments on the permit 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 actions may submit comments in writing to the Mining Section at the Knoxville Environmental Field Office, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator; by fax (865) 594-6105; or by e-mail Gary.Mullins@tn.gov. The Division must receive your comments before the close of the comment period (see page 1).

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 Division must receive your request before the close of the comment period. You must indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons for the hearing. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, the Division will hold a hearing in accordance with *Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (12)*. A separate public notice will announce the public hearing.

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 Federal and State acts and regulations.

To Obtain Permit Details

Draft permits contain Antidegradation Determinations and Rationales that address information concerning the foundation for the Division's decisions. Copies of the applications, draft permits, and supporting documentation are in the permit files maintained at the Knoxville Environmental Field Office, Mining Section. There is a nominal fee for copying. The files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours. Please email Kara.Blevins@tn.gov or call (865) 594-5460 to schedule an appointment for the review.

State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is in *Rule 0400-40-03-.06* of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The primary purpose of the Antidegradation Policy is to establish a greater level of protection for high quality waters. Some high quality waters are in near-pristine condition. Others are determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features.

Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs) receive the greatest level of protection. The Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas designate these waters. New discharges or expansion of existing discharges cannot degrade existing water quality.

The Department identifies other high quality waters known as Exceptional Tennessee Water (ETW) and protects against their degradation. The Department may allow some degradation if the Department deems it economically and socially necessary.

Non-Exceptional Tennessee Water refers to surface waters that do not have the identification and/or designation as high quality. These waters must achieve and maintain Tennessee's Water Quality Standards.

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. You may direct any Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action inquiries or complaints to the EEO/AA Coordinator, Office of General Counsel, William R. Snodgrass - TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, TN 37243-1102 or telephone 1-888-867-7455. Direct any Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) inquiries or complaints to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, William R. Snodgrass - TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor, Nashville, TN 37243-1102 or telephone 1-888-867-7455. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).