



**DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
MINING SECTION**

**Public Participation Opportunities
Request for Public Comments
Draft Permit Actions**

September 23, 2016

**Public Notice: M2016-16
Last Day to Comment: October 25, 2016**

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.state.tn.us:8080/pls/enf_reports/f?p=9034:34001:23120917040737.

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 Reissuance

Applicant **Middlesboro Mining Operations, Inc.**
Facility **Deep Mines 1, 3 and Surface Mine 2**
Permit Number **TN0054097** Permit Writer Initials **DAT** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Claiborne** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address Fork Ridge
City and Zip Code Manring 37724
Description of Activity Bituminous Coal Surface and Underground Mining - Reclaimed
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Stream Wet Weather Conveyances to Langley Branch
Facility Location Latitude 36.580556 Longitude -83.733889

Coal Modification

Applicant **DRC Coal, LLC**
Facility **White Oak Surface Mine**
Permit Number **TN0069167** Permit Writer Initials **DAT** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Campbell** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address White Oak Road
City and Zip Code Duff 37729
Description of Activity Bituminous Coal Surface Mining-Reclaimed
Effluent Description Treated storm water
Receiving Stream Wet Weather Conveyance to White Oak Creek
Facility Location Latitude 36.514167 Longitude -83.99194

Non-Coal Issuance

Applicant **BFI Waste Systems of Tennessee, LLC**
Facility **Middle Point Landfill - Limestone Quarry**
Permit Number **TN0070084** Permit Writer Initials **DPL** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Rutherford** EFO Name **Nashville**
Street Address 750 E. Jefferson Pike
City and Zip Code Murfreesboro 37130
Description of Activity Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Stream Unnamed tributary to East Fork Stones River
Facility Location Latitude 35.94200 Longitude -86.36270

Non-Coal Reissuance

Applicant **Nyrstar Tennessee Mines—Strawberry Plains, LLC**
Facility **Immel Mine**
Permit Number **TN0001759** Permit Writer Initials **DKC** Discharge Rating **Major**
County **Knox** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address 2160 Immel Mine Road
City and Zip Code Mascot 37806
Description of Activity Zinc-Blend (Sphalerite) Underground Mining and Processing
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Stream Holston River
Facility Location Latitude 36.06916 Longitude -83.69944

Non-Coal Termination

Applicant **Tennessee Building Stone Inc.**
Facility **Chestnut Hill Processing Plant**
Permit Number **TN0072664** Permit Writer Initials **GWM** Discharge Rating **Minor**
County **Cumberland** EFO Name **Cookeville**
Street Address 1313 Chestnut Hill Road
City and Zip Code Crossville 38557
Description of Activities Dimension Stone Processing and Storage Area
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water
Receiving Stream Sanderson Branch
Facility Location Latitude 35.956667 Longitude -84.960556
Comment A portion of the former permit area is now covered under TMSP TNR059220.
An individual NPDES permit is not required.

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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.

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