



**DIVISION OF MINERAL AND GEOLOGIC RESOURCES  
MINING SECTION**

**Public Participation Opportunities  
Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions**

**May 16, 2024**

**Public Notice: M2024-07**

**Last Day to Comment: June 17, 2024**

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.

**Individual NPDES Permits**

**Non-Coal Proposed Reissuances**

Applicant **EP Minerals, LLC**  
Facility **Mine 7**  
Permit Number **TN0069841** Permit Writer Initials **BJC** Discharge Rating **Minor**  
County **Hardeman** EFO Name **Memphis**  
Street Address 220 Highway 125 South  
City and Zip Code Middleton 38052  
Description of Activity Ball Clay Mining  
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water  
Receiving Stream Cane Creek  
Facility Location Latitude 34.99609 Longitude -88.90259

Applicant **Saltillo Sand and Gravel Inc.**  
Facility **Saltillo Sand and Gravel Material Wash Plant**  
Permit Number **TN0070459** Permit Writer Initials **RRD** Discharge Rating **Minor**  
County **Hardin** EFO Name **Jackson**  
Street Address 810 Highway 104  
City and Zip Code Saltillo 38370  
Description of Activity Construction Sand and Gravel Mining  
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water  
Receiving Stream Miles Creek  
Facility Location Latitude 35.391667 Longitude -88.245834

Applicant **Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC**  
Facility **Claiborne County Quarry**  
Permit Number **TN0066648** Permit Writer Initials **EGB** Discharge Rating **Minor**  
County **Claiborne** EFO Name **Knoxville**  
Street Address 945 Cedar Fork Road  
City and Zip Code Tazewell 37879  
Description of Activity Limestone: Crushed and Broken Quarrying  
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water  
Receiving Stream Unnamed tributary to Russell Creek  
Facility Location Latitude 36.4711 Longitude -83.5467

### **Coal Proposed Denial**

Applicant **Lexington Coal Company, LLC**  
Facility **Mine 23**  
Permit Number **TN0052108** Permit Writer Initials **BJC** Discharge Rating **Minor**  
County **Sequatchie** EFO Name **Knoxville**  
Street Address Kelly Creek  
City and Zip Code Whitwell 37397  
Description of Activity Bituminous Coal Underground Mining  
Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water  
Receiving Stream Kelly Creek  
Facility Location Latitude 35.3219 Longitude -85.5421

### **List of Permit Writers-Mining Section**

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1421 Hampshire Pike  
Columbia, TN 38401-5611  
(931) 380-3371 or 1-888-891-8332

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1221 South Willow Avenue  
Cookeville, TN 38506-4107  
(931) 520-6688 or 1-888-891-8332

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1625 Hollywood Drive  
Jackson, TN 38305-4316  
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Johnson City, TN 37601-4322  
(423) 854-5400 or 1-888-891-8332

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3711 Middlebrook Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37921-6538  
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711 R.S. Gass Boulevard  
Nashville, TN 37216-2637  
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Memphis Environmental Field Office  
8383 Wolf Lake Drive  
Bartlett, TN 38133-4119  
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### **How to Comment**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is requesting public comments on the proposed 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 permit actions may submit comments in writing to the Mining Section at the Knoxville Environmental Field Office, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator; by fax to (865) 594-6105; or by e-mail to [Dennis.Conger@tn.gov](mailto:Dennis.Conger@tn.gov). Comments must be received before the close of the comment period (see page 1).

### **How to Request a Public Hearing**

Interested persons may request in writing that the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed before the close of the comment period. You must indicate the interest of the party requesting a hearing, the reasons that a hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. 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 Mineral and Geologic 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**

Copies of the applications, draft permits, and supporting documentation are maintained in the Mining Section's permit files at the Knoxville Environmental Field Office. There is a nominal fee for copying. The files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours. E-mail [Kara.Blevins@tn.gov](mailto:Kara.Blevins@tn.gov) or call (865) 594-5460 to schedule an appointment for the review. Information is also available in the Division of Mineral & Geologic Resources Data Viewer at: <https://www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec/tdec-dataviewers.html>.

### **State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy**

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is found 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 receive the greatest level of protection. The Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas designates 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 Waters and protects against their

degradation. The Department may allow some degradation if the Department deems it economically and socially necessary.

Non-Exceptional Tennessee Waters refer 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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