



**Public Participation Opportunity
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
Division of Water Resources (DWR)
Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions**

February 21, 2024

Public Notice Number: MMXXIV-007

Expiration Date: March 22, 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. A list of Notices of Intent (NOIs) received by the DWR is available on our DataViewer web page :

https://dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/pls/enf_reports/f?p=2005:34001

Summary of Proposed Permitting Actions

	<u>Count</u>
Individual NPDES Permit	
Proposed Reissuance	4
State Operating Permit	
Proposed New Permit Issuance	1
Proposed Reissuance	1

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

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **City of Covington**

Project Name Covington STP

Permit Number **TN0020982**

Discharger rating **Major**

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County **Tipton**

EFO Name **Memphis**

Street Address/Location 298 Witherington Drive

(mailing P.O. Box 768)

City and/or Zip Code Covington, TN 38019

Description of Activity Treatment of municipal wastewater via the oxidation ditch, extended aeration process with chlorine disinfecting. Treatment of municipal wastewater is permitted to include discharges from the city's waste-to-energy gasification plant (which is currently offline) in the event it is brought back online.

Effluent Description treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001

Receiving Stream unnamed tributary at mile 0.02 to Hatchie River at mile 35.2

Facility Latitude 35.620472

Facility Longitude -89.611912

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Gallatin Public Utilities**

Project Name Gallatin STP

Permit Number **TN0020141**

Discharger rating **Major**

Permit Writer Oscar Montenegro
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County **Sumner**

EFO Name **Nashville**

Street Address/Location 1501 Lock 4 Road

City and/or Zip Code Gallatin, TN 37066

Description of Activity Treatment of municipal sewage by the oxidation ditch process and ultraviolet radiation disinfection

Effluent Description treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001

Receiving Stream Cumberland River (Old Hickory Reservoir) at mile 237.9

Facility Latitude 36.335194

Facility Longitude -86.462698

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Pilot Travel Centers LLC**

Project Name Store 149

Permit Number **TN0074799**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Ariel Wessel-Fuss
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County **Fayette**

EFO Name **Memphis**

Street Address/Location 7720 Highway 222

City and/or Zip Code Stanton, TN 38069

Description of Activity treatment of domestic wastewater using septic tanks, collection system, submerged
-film activated sludge, and facultative lagoon treatment

Effluent Description treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001

Receiving Stream unnamed tributary of Big Muddy Creek at mile 5.0

Facility Latitude 35.390023

Facility Longitude -89.410740

Individual NPDES Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **Town of Carthage**

Project Name Carthage STP

Permit Number **TN0022993**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Priyaa Dhasarathy
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County **Smith**

EFO Name **Cookeville**

Street Address/Location 214 First Avenue West

City and/or Zip Code Carthage, TN 37030

Description of Activity treatment of municipal wastewater by activated sludge process

Effluent Description treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001

Receiving Stream Cumberland River (Old Hickory Reservoir) at mile 308

Facility Latitude 36.250425

Facility Longitude -85.955257

State Operating Permit

Proposed New Permit Issuance

Applicant Name **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)**

Project Name Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

Permit Number **SOP-23032**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Wade Murphy
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County **Roane, Anderson**

EFO Name **Knoxville**

Street Address/Location 1 Bethel Valley Road

City and/or Zip Code Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Description of Activity Operation of vault toilets at two security entrances to the research facility site

Wastewater Description NA. No discharge allowed.

Receiving Stream NA. Activity is in the Clinch River Watershed

Facility Latitude 35.986200

Facility Longitude -84.258800

State Operating Permit

Proposed Reissuance

Applicant Name **City of Bluff City**

Project Name Bluff City Collection System

Permit Number **SOP-98042**

Discharger rating **Minor**

Permit Writer Oscar Montenegro

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County **Sullivan**

EFO Name **Johnson City**

Street Address/Location City-wide; Office: 4391 Bluff City Hwy

City and/or Zip Code Bluff City, TN 37618

Description of Activity Sewage collection system to Bristol STP

Wastewater Description No discharge allowed

Receiving Stream N/A

Facility Latitude

Facility Longitude

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 public comment on this permit action. 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 William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor, 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 (March 22, 2024).

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 (March 22, 2024) 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 by contacting TDEC at water.permits@tn.gov, 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

1221 South Willow Avenue

Cookeville, TN 38506

(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 Resources 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, William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102, 1-888-867-7455. ADA inquiries or complaints should be directed to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor, 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 can provide translation or interpretation services free of charge by contacting Alisha Looper at 615-571-4470 or Alisha.Looper@tn.gov.

Si le resulta difícil leer, hablar o comprender inglés, TDEC puede proporcionarle servicios de traducción o interpretación sin cargo comunicándose con Alisha Looper at 615-571-4470 o Alisha.Looper@tn.gov.

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