

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

June 04, 2024

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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**

	Count
Individual NPDES Permit	
Proposed Reissuance	1
State Operating Permit	
Proposed New Permit Issuance	1

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

## **Individual NPDES Permit**

#### **Proposed Reissuance**

Applicant Name Brownsville Energy Authority

Project Name Brownsville Wastewater Treatment - South Plant

Permit Number TN0062367

Discharger rating Major

Permit Writer Oscar Montenegro

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County **Haywood** EFO Name **Jackson** 

Street Address/Location 170 W. Cooper St. (T.F.)

City and/or Zip Code Brownsville, TN 38012

Description of Activity Treatment of municipal wastewater from current trickling filter (1.08 MGD) with possible

discharge from North Plant lagoon (0.95 MGD) through combined Outfall 001, and in the future discharge from only a sequencing batch reactor (SBR) of the same combined design capacity (2.03 MGD). The applicant determined this equipment replacement will

not result in degradation of the receiving stream.

Effluent Description Treated municipal wastewater currently from a trickling filter plant (1.08 MGD) and a

separate lagoon treatment plant (0.95 MGD), both discharged through Outfall 001, and

in the future only from a sequencing batch reactor (2.03 MGD) through Outfall 001.

Receiving Stream Hatchie River at mile 76.3

Facility Latitude 35.584414 Facility Longitude -89.269652

# **State Operating Permit**

## **Proposed New Permit Issuance**

Applicant Name Forest Grove LLC

Project Name Forest Grove RV Resort

Permit Number SOP-24011

Discharger rating Minor

Permit Writer Bradley Smith

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County **Jefferson** EFO Name **Knoxville** 

Street Address/Location 1000 Harbin Rd

City and/or Zip Code Dandridge, TN 37725

Description of Activity gravity collection, primary settling/digestion, two-chambered biofilm bioreactor followed

by drip dispersal on 3.5 fenced acres

Wastewater Description No discharge allowed

Receiving Stream N/A

Facility Latitude 36.012100 Facility Longitude -83.508200

# **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 Davy Crockett Tower-9th Floor, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243, 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 (July 04, 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 (July 04, 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
Redford, Coffee Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincol

Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry, Wayne

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, Sumner,
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-5th Floor, Davy Crockett Tower, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243, 1-888-867-7455. ADA inquiries or complaints should be directed to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, Davy Crockett Tower, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243, 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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