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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Issuance of NPDES Permit

Public Notice M2020-08

March 25, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Water Resources, Mining Section, will hold the following public hearing pursuant to Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (8) of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

April 28, 2020
6:30 p.m. CDT
Webex Conference

In accordance with the current State of Emergency and State and Federal directives to avoid public gatherings, the Division will hold the public hearing described herein, via video-conference. Information on how to join the online public hearing is provided below. Those without internet access may join by phone or may provide written comments.

The Division will hold a preliminary technical session with the public from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (central time) for discussion and review of the permit application and plans. The formal public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. CDT. At the hearing, the Division will receive public comments concerning the proposed issuance of a NPDES permit to the following applicant:

Company Information

Mr. Chad Swallows, President
Volunteer Sand and Gravel, LLC
750 Highway 99
Lewisburg, TN 37091

Site Information

Volunteer Sand and Gravel Quarry
25 Burned House Road
Humphreys County
NPDES Permit TN0082236 (Draft)

The draft permit is available on the Division's Data Viewer at http://environment-online.state.tn.us:8080/pls/enf_reports/f?p=9034:34001.

This is a proposed new NPDES permit for a construction sand and gravel mine and processing facility located at latitude 35°56'11.46" and longitude -87°46'7.51". The facility consists of 126.59 acres and will discharge into an unnamed tributary to the Duck River.

If you have any questions related to the proposed NPDES permit, contact Bonnie Craighead at (865) 594-5547 or Bonnie.Craighead@tn.gov.

NPDES Permitting Process

The hearing was requested by TDEC in response to interest and concerns within the local community about the proposed site. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information from the public relevant to a final decision on the permit application. Comments not related to water quality or to the information contained in the permit application will not be considered in the NPDES decision-making process. Issues such as zoning, blasting, noise, dust, and traffic are not related to water-quality and are not regulated by the Division of Water Resources or the NPDES program; therefore, consideration of these issues would not contribute relevant information for the proposed NPDES permit.

The hearing officer will limit oral presentations related to the NPDES permit to five minutes and require that all testimony be relevant to NPDES water quality-related issues. Undue repetition in oral presentations should be avoided so that all interested parties will have an opportunity to present their concerns. Written comments related to the NPDES permit will be accepted at the hearing and at TDEC until **May 8, 2020**. Written comments will be afforded the same consideration as verbal testimony.

Interested persons may obtain additional information and copy the application, draft permit, and supporting documentation from the NPDES permit file maintained at the Mining Section's office at the letterhead address. There is a nominal fee for copying. The file is available for public inspection during normal visiting hours by contacting Kara.Blevins@tn.gov or call (865) 594-5460 to schedule an appointment for the review. The following link will allow online viewing through DWR's Data Viewer: http://environment-online.state.tn.us:8080/pls/enf_reports/f?p=9034:34001.

Hearing Participation Instructions

The public hearing will be presented online via a Webex conference. The Division's preliminary public meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. CDT with a short presentation and question and answer period. The formal hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. CDT. The videoconference will open to participants at 5:15 p.m. Participants may join online, via the Webex app, or by phone. Participants are highly encouraged to join online or with the Webex app in order to view maps, pictures, and other content which will be shared by the Division. Presentation materials will be added to the Division's Data Viewer at least three days prior to the public hearing.

Information regarding how to join by computer will be posted to the following website at least three days prior to the public hearing:

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/ppo-public-participation/ppo-public-participation/ppo-water.html>

To join via the Webex app:

Meeting number (access code): 646 014 638

Meeting password: Hearing

To join by phone

1-415-655-0003 (TOLL)

Access code: 646 014 638

If you have trouble connecting to the hearing, please call: (865) 594-5543

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings should contact the Department's ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, William R. Snodgrass - TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor, Nashville, TN 37243-1102, **1-866-253-5827**. Such contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means and should be made no later than **April 17, 2020** to allow time to provide such aid or services. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service, **1-800-848-0298**.

Last Day to Submit Written Comments for the NPDES Hearing Record: May 8, 2020