Department of Environment & Conservation

DIVISION OF MINERAL AND GEOLOGIC RESOURCES
MINING SECTION

Public Participation Opportunities
Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions

October 16, 2026

Public Notice: M2026-19
Last Day to Comment: November 16, 2026

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 Modification/Reissuance

Applicant	**Delta Contracting Company, LLC**				
Facility	**Denmark Sand Plant**				
Permit Number	**TN0069094**	Permit Writer Initials	**CSM**	Discharge Rating	**Minor**
County	**Madison**			EFO Name	**Jackson**
Street Address	329 Hardee Road				
City and Zip Code	Denmark 38391				
Description of Activity	Construction Sand and Gravel Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Hart Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.513751	Longitude		-88.942676

Non-Coal Proposed Revocation and Reissuance/Modification

Applicant	**Lhiost North America of TN, LLC dba Spinks Clay Company, Inc.**				
Facility	**Black Charm Mine #10**				
Permit Number	**TN0030465**	Permit Writer Initials	**AJS**	Discharge Rating	**Minor**
County	**Henry**			EFO Name	**Jackson**
Street Address	3220 Goldston Springs Rd				
City and Zip Code	Puryear 38221				
Description of Activity	Ball Clay Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to North Fork Obion River				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.417152	Longitude		-88.360537

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Cookeville, TN 38501
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1625 Hollywood Drive
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8383 Wolf Lake Drive
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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 DMGR.PublicNotice@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 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.

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, 1-866-253-5827. Americans with Disabilities Act (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 may be able to provide translation or interpretation services free of charge by contacting Angela Cartledge at (865) 310-8632.