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STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

Division of Water Resources
William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

October 6, 2016

Cody York, Director
Division of Publications
Secretary of State
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 8th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Cody,

In accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-204(e), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) will conduct a public hearing to solicit comments from the public regarding what revisions, if any, may be appropriate to Tennessee's water quality standards during a future formal rulemaking.

NOTICE OF HEARING

**Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
announces a public hearing on water quality standards**

Triennial Review of Tennessee Water Quality Standards

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) will conduct a public hearing to solicit comments from the public regarding what revisions, if any, may be appropriate to Tennessee's water quality standards during a future formal rulemaking anticipated for 2017.

Water quality standards for surface waters are promulgated by the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil, and Gas pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 69-3-105, and include Stream-use Classifications for Surface Waters (Chapter 0400-40-04), General Water Quality Criteria (Rules 0400-40-03-.01 to -.05), and the Antidegradation Statement (Rule 0400-40-03-.06). The agency does not anticipate reopening classifications and criteria for ground water at this time.

The main meeting will be in Nashville and will be teleconferenced with field offices across the state on December 15, 2016 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Central Time and 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the following locations:

Hearing Location:

Conference Room A, 3rd Floor
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue
Nashville, TN 37243

Teleconferencing Locations: The public may teleconference the Nashville hearing at the following locations:

Main Conference Room
Columbia Environmental Field Office
1421 Hampshire Pike
Columbia, Tennessee 38401

Main Conference Room
Cookeville Environmental Field Office
1221 South Willow Avenue
Cookeville, Tennessee 38506

Main Conference Room
Jackson Environmental Field Office
1625 Hollywood Drive
Jackson, Tennessee 38305

Main Conference Room
Memphis Environmental Field Office
8383 Wolf Lake Drive
Memphis, Tennessee 38133

Main Conference Room
Knoxville Environmental Field Office
3711 Middlebrook Pike
Knoxville, Tennessee 37921

Main Conference Room
Chattanooga Environmental Field Office
1301 Riverfront Parkway
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

Main Conference Room
Johnson City Environmental Field Office
2305 Silverdale Road
Johnson City, Tennessee 37601

Any individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings and may require aid to facilitate such participation should contact the following at least 10 days prior to the public hearing:

ADA Coordinator
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 22nd Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
1-866-253-5827 (toll free) or 615-532-0200
Hearing impaired callers may use the TN Relay Service 1-800-848-0298
Beverly.Evans@tn.gov

The agency invites comments from interested parties and the public regarding any changes to water quality standards that the Department should consider. Attendance at the hearing is not necessary to present comments. Comments should include the topic for consideration, whether the topic is already covered by the standards, suggested revisions, and a basis for the suggested revisions. Any technical or scientific information, reports or data should be included and may be submitted at the hearing or to the address below no later than the close of business on January 31, 2017. Written comments, as well as any questions, should be directed to:

Greg Denton
Planning and Standards Unit
Division of Water Resources
11th Floor, Tennessee Tower
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Nashville, TN 37243
gregory.denton@tn.gov
615-532-0699 (phone)

This public hearing is being held pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-204(e). TDEC will review the comments received and propose revisions to water quality standards at a later time. TDEC will hold a second public hearing following the publication of proposed rulemaking. Comments from both public hearings will be combined and responses will be developed at that time.

The current version of the regulations can be accessed at the following web address:
<http://www.tn.gov/environment/article/wr-wq-water-quality-reports-publications>.

Sincerely,



Tisha Calabrese Benton, Director
Division of Water Resources

Subscribed and sworn to before me on: October 6, 2016
Notary Public Signature: Kati Hicks
My commission expires on: 11/5/18



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