



**Public Notice**  
**Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)**  
**Division of Water Resources (DWR)**  
**Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions**  
**FILE # NRS23.314**

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The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following proposed permit action and solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on the aquatic environment.

Pursuant to The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977, T.C.A. §69-3-108 and Tennessee Rules, Chapter 0400-40-07, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification. Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires that an applicant obtain a water quality certification from the state when a federal permit is required. This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and draft permit and rationale, and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. At the conclusion of the public notice period a final determination will be made whether to issue or deny the permit.

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**LOCATION :** 725 Bridgestone Drive, Morrison, Warren County  
Latitude: 35.6337, Longitude: -85.8768

To view the proposed location of these impacts and the watershed condition, visit the Division's map viewer at <http://tdeconline.tn.gov/dwr/> and search on the permit number or coordinates listed in this Public Notice.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION / PURPOSE**

The applicant proposes to expand the existing employee parking lot for Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations (BATO) Facility, located in the southern portion of the facility complex at 725 Bridgestone Drive in Morrison, Warren County. The east parking lot expansion project is anticipated to impact 0.55 acres of wetland on the southeast side of Bridgestone Drive adjacent to the existing employee parking lot. The Bridgestone Receiving Dock Expansion project is under construction on the northwest side of the facility. The Receiving Dock Expansion project had a wetland impact of 0.063 acres as part of its design and layout.

Wetland 1 is of low quality with a TRAM score of 19. BATO plans to mitigate these wetlands through an in-leu fee (ILF) 1.24 credit purchase to the Tennessee Wildlife Federation (TNWF) Upper Cumberland Service Area. Proposed mitigation accounts for 0.063 acres of wetland previously filled under Permit NR 2307.11 and an additional 0.55 acres of wetland being filled associated with this project (Permit NRS No. 23.314). Compensatory mitigation requires a 2:1 mitigation ratio and 12% multiplier for purchasing advanced ILF credits.

## ANTIDegradation STATEMENT

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 0400-40-03-.06), the Division has made a preliminary determination that the proposed activities will result in de minimis degradation because the applicant proposes to provide in-system mitigation to offset any appreciable permanent loss of resource values.

For more information, please reference Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement which is found in Chapter *0400-40-03* of the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

## FACTORS CONSIDERED

In deciding whether to issue or deny this permit, the Division will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. The division will consider the nature, scale, and effects of proposed impacts. The Division will consider practicable alternatives to the alteration, loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impacts to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

## HOW TO COMMENT

TDEC is requesting public comment on this proposed permit action. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure appropriate decisions. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the Division. Written comments must be received within **thirty days following distribution of the approved public notice materials** (including signage and newspaper ad). Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the Division's address listed below to the attention of the permit coordinator. You may also comment via email to [water.permits@tn.gov](mailto:water.permits@tn.gov).

After the Division makes a final permit determination, a permit appeal may be filed by the applicant or by any person who participated in the public comment period whose appeal is based on comments given to the Division in writing during the public comment period or in testimony at a formal public hearing. 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. Please contact Alisha Looper at 615-571-4470 or [alisha.looper@tn.gov](mailto: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 al 615-571-4470 o [alisha.looper@tn.gov](mailto:alisha.looper@tn.gov).

## FILE REVIEW

The permit application, supporting documentation, including detailed plans and maps, draft permit and rationale, and related comments are available for review on the internet at the Division's Water Resource's Permit Dataviewer: [Report on Permits \(tn.gov\)](#) by entering the permit file number listed in the title of this Public Notice. The file may be viewed and copied at the address listed below.

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