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Notice of Public Meeting

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Last Day to Submit Written Comments: August 24, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in response to an NPDES permit application to discharge treated mine runoff into high quality waters, the Division of Water Pollution Control, Mining Section, will hold the following public meeting, pursuant to *Rule 1200-4-3-.06* of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

**August 14, 2007
7:00 p.m. CDT
90 Justice Center Drive
Crossville, Tennessee 38555**

At the meeting, the Division will present information regarding the following NPDES permit application:

**Silvara Stone Company, LLC
Quarry No. 3
Cumberland County
NPDES Permit Number TN0079707
(Application under review)**

The site is located off Chestnut Hill Road in the Crab Orchard community. The specific location of the site is Latitude 35°56'08" North, Longitude 84°53'13" West.

Silvara Stone Company, LLC, has submitted an NPDES permit application to discharge runoff from the mine site after it has undergone treatment for Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in a settling basin. There are five proposed outfalls and settling basins. Daddy's Creek has been identified by the Division as a Tier 2 high quality water. The receiving streams will be Pinethicket Branch, which is a tributary to Daddy's Creek, and an unnamed tributary to Pinethicket Branch.

Rule 1200-4-3-.04 defines “degradation” as the alteration of the properties of waters by the addition of pollutants, but alterations having no measurable or less than a five-percent loss of assimilative capacity will not be considered degradation. The discharge parameters that would be limited by an NPDES permit are TSS and pH. The water quality criteria for TSS are narrative, not numeric, and there is not an approved method to determine the assimilative capacity of the streams for this pollutant. The Division is considering the addition of any TSS to the stream as degradation.

The applicant has provided social and economic information for their proposal to degrade. The proposed operation will create employment opportunities in an area where a higher percentage of the population is below the poverty level compared to the average in Tennessee.

Written comments will be accepted at the meeting and until **August 24, 2007**.

Interested persons may obtain additional information, a copy of the application, and supporting documentation from the permit files maintained at the Mining Section’s office at the letterhead address. These files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours by contacting Elaine Killion by E-mail at Elaine.Killion@state.tn.us or by phone at (865) 594-1062 to schedule an appointment for the review. A copy of the permit application will be available for review at the meeting.

ADA inquiries should be directed to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, 401 Church Street, 12th Floor L & C Tower, Nashville, TN 37243, 1-866-253-5827. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298). Such contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means and should be made no later than **July 31, 2007**, to allow time to provide such aid or services.