



Wastewater Hearing Authority Minutes

Meeting Date: December 16, 2025

**Call to
Order:** 2:00 pm

Adjourn: 3:47 pm

Authority Members: Mr. Tant, Dr. Wingfield, Dr. Li, Ms. Duryea, and Ms. Dodd

**In
Attendance:** **MWS Representatives:** Chase Block, Will Ellis, Diana Fish, Brent Freeman, Marty Mast, Al Pogue, Ted Taylor, Andy Welch, Sara Wilson, Megan Woodring, and Hannah Zeitlin

I. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the September 16, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved with the correction of the term "board" revised to the term "Authority."

II. Information Items

i. **Non-Compliance Notices**

The list of Non-Compliance Notices (NCNs) presented only represented notices opened within the last 12 months. Of the 92 issues represented over the 12 months, 57% have been resolved. The reports shared do not currently include the dates of issuance or resolution, and the Authority has requested that these be included in future reports.

The severity of these NCNs varies and is primarily due to permit holders' ignorance of the rules and/or language barriers. The latest version of the FOG Enforcement guide has been translated into the major languages spoken in Nashville and Davidson County, which will alleviate these miscommunications and improve future enforcement. The MWS Environmental Compliance team's goal is to ensure that new and existing permit holders have the opportunity to understand the rules and regulations so they can be fully compliant and avoid enforcement action.

Some persistent NCN recipients discussed included:

Permit Holder #1421: This restaurant grills a lot of buffalo, which is very greasy. They have had instances of grease interceptor overflow onto West End Avenue, necessitating monthly cleaning of the interceptors. Although they have since become compliant, they would benefit from increasing the capacity of their grease interceptor.

Permit Holder #1527: This restaurant's grease buildup in the sewer was a larger issue closer to the pandemic, and after they experienced impacts from



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a tornado. They have a history of vacillating between compliance and non-compliance. The inconsistency has challenged Environmental Compliance's ability to escalate.

Child Care Establishments: Although these establishments do not often cook or prepare meals, grease traps are required because of the high volume of dairy-based milk served but not consumed.

ii. **Penalty Assessment for Hendersonville Utility District**

The Hendersonville Utility District (HUD) has been assessed penalties for permit exceedances related to dissolved sulfide discharges into the Metro Water Services collection system. The organic breakdown of dissolved sulfides has led to infrastructure corrosion, including damage to the Dry Creek WRF force main, caused by the issue's persistence over the years. Infrastructure rehabilitation will be expensive and poses health and safety risks to employees.

HUD has an odor and corrosion control program in place that includes chemical treatments, and they are responsive to communications from MWS regarding permit violations.

iii. **Update: Property Run-Off and Treatment for Decommissioned Sites**

Onsite Environmental

Onsite Environmental, an industrial waste treatment facility, has ceased operations in Nashville as of July 2025. The organization still plans to serve the greater Nashville and Davidson County area and treat at its Chattanooga facility. They have since begun decommissioning the site and infrastructure. Treatment tanks are being cleaned, and the wastewater is scheduled for collection, treatment, and hauling. Rainwater accumulating on the site has been requested to be sampled and reported to MWS Environmental Compliance by the property owner. MWS EC is sampling any discharge into the collection system.

Bridgestone

The Bridgestone facility ceased tire production in June 2025. The site has presented its decontamination plan with MWS Environmental Compliance. Due to the manufacturing process, there are significant contaminants to be remediated, including petroleum oil and carbon black. The wash-down plan includes reusing water through a series of decreasing-micron filter sizes.

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III. PFAS Presentation

Presented by MWS Laboratory Superintendent Ted Taylor, the PowerPoint showcases the countless forever chemicals collectively referred to as PFAS. It shares the PFAS makeup, source, and sampling results from the collection system and MWS water reclamation facilities.

IV. 2026 Planning

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm.