



Public Hearing
Draft NPDES Permit Modification

National Lime & Stone Company
Chesterville Sand and Gravel Facility

March 4, 2026



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Agenda

Presentation

- Recap the process to this point
- Review NLS's requested modification
- Discuss the proposed draft modification
- Outline next steps and avenues for public involvement

Question & Answer

- Opportunity to ask questions about the project and Ohio EPA

Public Hearing

- Collect testimony for record



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NPDES Permits

- Municipalities and facilities that discharge wastewater into surface waters of the State must obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) (wastewater discharge) permit from Ohio EPA
- Wastewater discharge permits limit the pollutants released
- Permit ensure compliance with Ohio's water quality standards and federal regulations

Application of Antidegradation Rule

- Maintain existing uses for all water bodies
- Protect high quality waters

In This Case...

- Receiving stream is the Kokosing River
 - Outstanding State Water
 - Exceptional Warmwater Habitat
- Exclusion qualification from parts of the rule
 - OAC 3745-1-05(D)(1)(h)
 - Excludes consideration of alternatives and social/economic effects



Ohio EPA Antidegradation Rule

- Each evaluation conducted on case-by-case basis
- Ohio EPA follows specific procedures for reviewing and processing NPDES permit applications that request an increase in the discharge of pollutants to high-quality waters



Permitting Process So Far

- Ohio EPA received a complete application to modify the National Lime & Stone Chesterville permit on June 19, 2025
- Receipt of the application was public noticed for 56 days beginning July 31, 2025
- Public hearing on application receipt was held on September 18, 2025
- Considered all public comments when reviewing the permit application and developed responses for all comments



Permitting Process Continued

- Ohio EPA drafts the permit modification after considering public input on the project
- Public noticed a draft permit for public comment on December 10, 2025
 - <https://epa.ohio.gov/about/media-center/public-notices/public-notices>
- Second public hearing on the draft permit on March 4, 2026 (rescheduled from Jan. 27)
- Public Comment period ends March 6, 2026

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Current NPDES Permit

- Aggregate Mine Processing Facility
- Quarry discharges to Kokosing River at river mile 43.6
- Allows a discharge up to 28 MGD from their pumping system
 - Limits for total suspended solids (TSS) are tiered and based on flow rate
 - Requires TSS sampling once per week and continuous flow rate monitoring (recorded daily)



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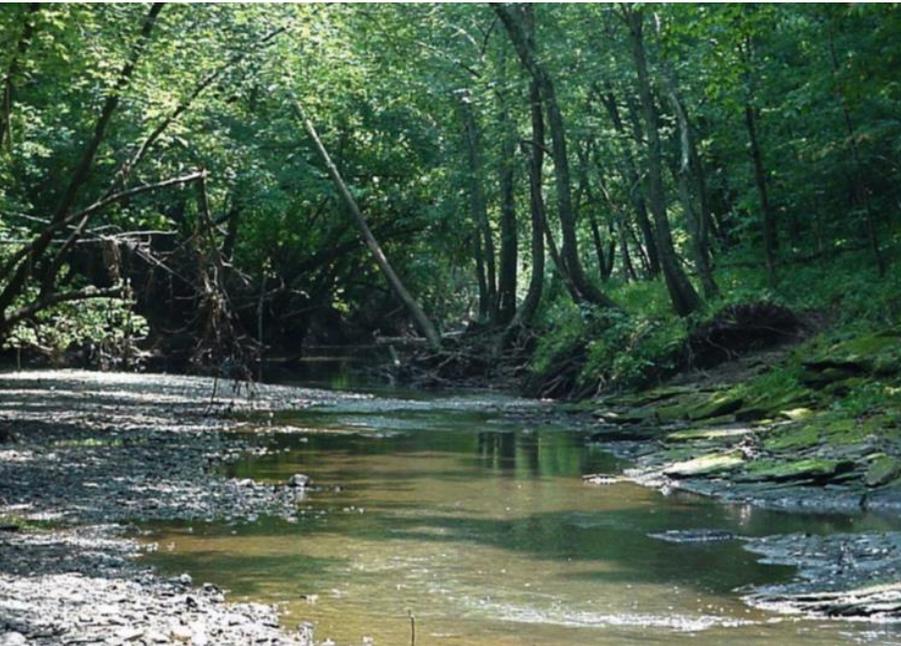
Requested Permit Changes

- Increase of TSS concentration limits resulting in greater pollutant load to Kokosing River
 - 30 mg/L monthly average
 - 45 mg/L daily maximum
- Reduce TSS sampling and flow rate monitoring to once per month



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Ohio EPA Proposed Draft Permit Modification



- Proposed two tiers of TSS limits:
 - Flow over 4 MGD up to 28 MGD have concentration limits of 15 mg/L monthly average and 30 mg/L daily maximum
 - Flow up to 4 MGD have concentration limits of 30 mg/L monthly average and 45 mg/L daily maximum
 - Previously authorized pollutant load from original 2016 permit
- Proposed maintaining the existing monitoring requirements:
 - Weekly TSS samples
 - Daily reporting of continuous flow rate monitoring



Ohio EPA Bases for Proposed Permit Conditions

- Considered impacts to the receiving water body existing uses
 - Exceptional Warmwater Habitat
 - Agricultural Water Supply
 - Primary Contact Recreation
- Proposed limits/monitoring for the discharge that are protective of existing uses
 - Downstream freshwater mussels population



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Next Steps

- Comments on the draft permit modification will be accepted until **March 6, 2026**
- Ohio EPA considers all comments received during the comment period and from the public hearing
- Director will take final action and a Response to Comments will be made available

Send Comments To

Online



Mail

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Columbus, OH 43216-1049

Through close of business March 6, 2026

Thank You

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