



TENNESSEE CLEAN WATER NETWORK

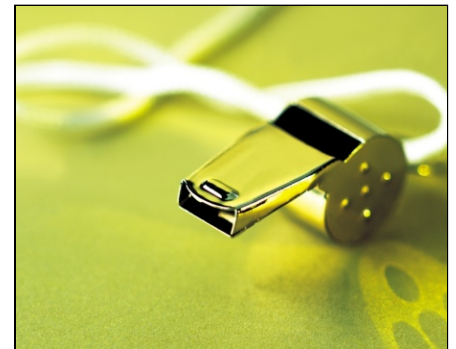
Advantaging the Polluters?

SB0634 (Southerland) / HB0973 (McCord)
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Prevents the prompting of enforcement inspections from anonymous communication and requires stream determination when a complaint is based upon discharging without a permit into an unnamed stream.

- This bill takes protection away from whistleblowers.
- This bill prevents the public from voicing their concerns and being protected at the same time.
- This bill increases burden on the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, our state regulatory agency.



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- Requires a 24-hour notice to wastewater treatment facilities prior to an inspection, site visit, records review, sampling event or other regulatory action.
- Requires Department employee provide state ID and proof of employment prior to inspections or site visits.
- Requires inspectors complete training courses and be able to pass certification testing equivalent to that required for treatment plant operators.

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Memphis Sewage Treatment Plant – foam pollution from discharge.

- Limits inspections and site visits to issues relevant to items covered in permits and no more.

This legislation allows sewage treatment plants to cover up problems! The ability to conduct unannounced inspections ensures rules are being met and our water quality is being protected.

Several years ago the state made it unlawful to reveal when inspections were occurring, but during the creation of a new Department to oversee environmental issues this important prohibition was inadvertently left out. If a facility is in compliance and following the conditions of its permit, why would it need a 24-hour notice prior to an inspection

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