

I-1: Michael Turner

Comment I-1-1

1. I have lived near this watershed for almost twenty years and have followed several permitting actions during that time. After reviewing the application materials, I still have questions about how the proposed activities will be monitored over the life of the permit. The documents describe testing requirements, but it is not clear to me how frequently results will be reviewed by regulators.

I would also like to know whether monitoring reports will be posted online for public review. Access to information is important for maintaining confidence in the permitting process. Overall, I appreciate the opportunity to submit comments and hope these questions are addressed before a final decision is made.

2. Thank you for considering public input on this matter.

Response to I-1-1

Final response - Akhila

I-2: Susan Ramirez

Comment I-2-1

A: My family spends a lot of time near the river during the spring and summer months, and we care deeply about maintaining healthy water resources. While I understand that permits are intended to regulate activities and establish safeguards, I am concerned about what happens if conditions change after approval. Weather patterns have become less predictable over the last several years, and it seems important to account for those uncertainties. I would like the agency to explain how changing environmental conditions will be evaluated in the future. It would also be helpful to understand what actions can be taken if unexpected issues arise. Thank you for considering public input on this matter.

B: Submit Date & Time - Thank you for considering public input on this matter.

Response to I-2-1

Final response - Akhila

I-3: Daniel Foster

Comment I-3-1

After reading through the permit application and supporting materials, I generally support the proposed action. The applicant appears to have invested significant resources into planning and compliance efforts. I recognize that no project is entirely without impact, but the information provided suggests that measures have been incorporated to reduce potential concerns. At the same time, I encourage the agency to maintain strong oversight and require regular reporting. Ongoing accountability is an important part of any permit program. I appreciate the work that has gone into preparing the application and conducting the review process.

B: Thank you for considering public input on this matter.

Response to I-3-1

Final response - Akhila

I-4: Jennifer Cole

Comment I-4-1

I attended the public meeting and found the presentation informative, although several questions remained unanswered. One issue that stood out to me was the lack of discussion regarding how the public can track permit compliance after approval. Many residents are interested in staying informed but may not know where to find reports or monitoring results. A centralized website containing permit documents and compliance information would be extremely helpful. I also encourage the agency to continue holding public meetings when major milestones occur. Open communication often helps reduce misunderstandings and build trust. Thank you for providing an opportunity to participate in the process.

Response to I-4-1

Final response - Akhila

I-5: Robert Kim

Comment I-5-1

I reviewed the technical materials included with the permit application and noticed that some of the referenced studies appear to be several years old. While historical information can be valuable, I would like to see more recent data included in the record whenever possible. Conditions in a watershed can change over time due to development, weather patterns, and other factors. Updated information would provide greater confidence that current conditions are accurately represented. I am not necessarily opposed to the permit, but I believe decisions

should be based on the most current information available. Please consider supplementing the record before issuing a final determination.

Response to I-5-1

Final response - Akhila

I-6: Ashley Bennett

Comment I-6-1

I own property near the project area and have experienced construction-related disruptions associated with other projects in the past. For that reason, I am particularly interested in how construction activities will be managed if the permit is approved. Temporary impacts can sometimes create long-lasting frustrations for nearby residents when communication is lacking. I encourage the applicant to provide advance notice of major activities whenever feasible. Clear points of contact should also be identified so community members can report concerns or ask questions. Good communication often prevents small problems from becoming larger disputes. I hope those considerations are incorporated into the final permit requirements.

Response to I-6-1

Final response - Akhila

I-7: Christopher Diaz

Comment I-7-1

I frequently fish and kayak in this watershed and have developed a strong appreciation for the resource over the years. Many people use the area for recreation, and maintaining its long-term health is important to the local community. While I understand that regulated activities can coexist with environmental protection, it is important that permit conditions remain meaningful and enforceable.

Response to I-7-1

Final response - Akhila

Comment I-7-2

The public should be able to understand how compliance is being measured and what happens when problems occur. I encourage the agency to prioritize transparency throughout implementation of the permit. Thank you for considering comments from those who regularly use and enjoy this area.

Response to I-7-2

Final response - Akhila

I-8: Karen Walsh

Comment I-8-1

I spent considerable time reviewing the permit materials and generally found them to be informative. However, some of the more technical sections were difficult for a non-specialist to understand. Public documents should ideally be accessible to a wide audience, especially when community members are being asked to provide feedback. A summary document written in plain language would make participation easier for many residents. I believe greater accessibility would improve the quality of public engagement overall. The permitting process benefits when people can fully understand the issues under consideration.

Response to I-8-1

Final response - Akhila

I-9: Matthew Greene

Comment I-9-1

Based on my review of the application, I support issuance of the permit. The applicant appears to have a history of operating responsibly and complying with applicable requirements. I also appreciate that several improvements and monitoring commitments have been incorporated into the proposal. While continued oversight remains important, I believe the permit establishes a reasonable framework for accountability. Regulatory agencies should continue conducting inspections and reviewing performance data on a regular basis. With those safeguards in place, I believe the project can move forward responsibly.

Response to I-9-1

Final response - Akhila

I-10: Emily Patterson

Comment I-10-1

One of my primary concerns involves the broader context in which this permit is being considered. Individual projects are often evaluated separately, but community members experience the cumulative effects of multiple activities occurring over time. I would like the agency to provide more discussion regarding how this proposal fits into the larger picture. Understanding cumulative impacts helps the public evaluate potential long-term consequences more effectively. Even when individual impacts appear limited, combined effects can sometimes be significant. Additional analysis in this area would strengthen the overall review.

Response to I-10-1

Final response - Akhila

I-11: Kevin Russell

Comment I-11-1

The permit documents reference operational assumptions that appear reasonable, but I am curious about how those assumptions were developed. Environmental conditions can vary considerably from year to year, and actual performance may differ from projections. I encourage the agency to explain what level of uncertainty exists within the analysis and how that uncertainty is addressed. Adaptive management approaches can be valuable when future conditions are difficult to predict. It would also be useful to understand whether permit requirements can be adjusted if monitoring results indicate unexpected outcomes. Thank you for considering these comments.

Response to I-11-1

Final response - Akhila

I-12: Laura Jenkins

Comment I-12-1

I appreciate the effort that went into preparing the application and supporting documentation. At the same time, the volume of information made it difficult to identify the most important conclusions. A concise executive summary highlighting key findings would be beneficial for members of the public. Many residents do not have the technical background necessary to interpret lengthy reports. Providing information in multiple formats could improve participation and understanding. I encourage the agency to consider this approach in future permitting actions as well. Greater accessibility ultimately benefits everyone involved in the process.

Response to I-12-1

Final response - Akhila

I-13: Brian Morgan

Comment I-13-1

The proposed monitoring program appears thorough and well-structured. I was pleased to see that ongoing reporting requirements are included rather than relying solely on initial evaluations. Long-term monitoring is often essential for understanding actual conditions after a permit is issued. I encourage the agency to make monitoring results publicly available in a timely manner. Public access to information promotes accountability and confidence in regulatory decisions. Overall, I believe the monitoring framework is one of the stronger aspects of the proposal.

Response to I-13-1

Final response - Akhila

I-14: Nicole Harrison

Comment I-14-1

Our neighborhood association recently discussed this permit and several residents shared similar concerns. Most of those concerns related to long-term oversight rather than the initial approval decision itself. Community members want assurance that issues will be addressed promptly if they arise in the future. Clear enforcement mechanisms are important because permit conditions are only effective when they are consistently implemented. We would appreciate additional information regarding inspection schedules and corrective action procedures. Maintaining public trust requires more than simply issuing permits. It also requires ongoing accountability throughout the life of the project.

Response to I-14-1

Final response - Akhila

I-15: Steven Reed

Comment I-15-1

I do not have a strong opinion regarding whether the permit should ultimately be approved or denied. My primary concern is ensuring that the process remains transparent and accessible. Members of the public should be able to review monitoring reports, inspection findings, and other relevant information without unnecessary barriers. Public confidence is strengthened when information is easy to obtain and understand. I encourage the agency to continue improving online access to permit-related records. Thank you for considering input from community members.

Response to I-15-1

Final response - Akhila

I-16: Rachel Hunt

Comment I-16-1

The applicant appears to have addressed many of the concerns raised during previous reviews, which I appreciate. However, I would like more discussion regarding future growth and changing operational demands. Conditions today may be very different from conditions five or ten years from now. Planning for future scenarios can help avoid problems later. I encourage the agency to evaluate how increased demand could affect permit compliance over time. Long-term planning should be an important component of the decision-making process.

Response to I-16-1

Final response - Akhila

I-17: Timothy Brooks

Comment I-17-1

As someone who works in a field that regularly interacts with regulatory programs, I understand that permit reviews often involve balancing competing considerations. In my view, the most effective permits are those that establish clear expectations and measurable performance standards. Vague commitments can be difficult to evaluate and enforce over time. I encourage the agency to ensure that permit requirements are specific, transparent, and supported by meaningful reporting obligations. Doing so benefits both the permit holder and the public. Clear expectations often reduce future disputes and improve compliance outcomes.

Response to I-17-1

Final response - Akhila

I-18: Megan Long

Comment I-18-1

I remain concerned that portions of the analysis rely heavily on assumptions rather than observed conditions. While modeling and projections are useful tools, they should be supplemented by real-world information whenever possible. Additional field verification could provide greater confidence in the conclusions presented. I am not opposed to the project in principle, but I believe decisions should be supported by the strongest available evidence. Taking extra time to verify assumptions now may help avoid complications later. I encourage the agency to consider additional review before making a final determination.

Response to I-18-1

Final response - Akhila

I-19: Eric Campbell

Comment I-19-1

I appreciate the decision to extend the public comment period because it allowed me additional time to review the materials carefully. Many residents have jobs and family obligations that make it difficult to participate within shorter timelines. Providing meaningful opportunities for public involvement improves the overall quality of the process. I found several sections of the application informative and appreciated the level of detail provided. At the same time, there is always room for improving accessibility and public communication. Thank you for allowing community members adequate time to review and comment on the proposal.

Response to I-19-1

Final response - Akhila

I-20: Heather Price

Comment I-20-1

The resource affected by this permit is important not only from an environmental perspective but also from an economic and recreational standpoint. Many local businesses benefit from tourism and outdoor recreation associated with the area. Protecting environmental quality helps support those activities for future generations. I encourage the agency to conduct a careful and comprehensive review before making a final decision. Strong environmental protections and responsible economic activity are not mutually exclusive goals. Thoughtful permitting can help achieve both objectives.

Response to I-20-1

Final response - Akhila

I-21: Jonathan Ellis

Comment I-21-1

While reviewing the application, I noticed references to several technical reports that were not easily accessible through the project website. Supporting documents play an important role in helping the public understand how conclusions were reached. I encourage the agency to ensure that all referenced materials are available in a convenient location. Doing so would improve transparency and reduce confusion. Public participation is most effective when people have access to the same information used during decision-making. Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Response to I-21-1

Final response - Akhila

I-22: Amanda Cooper

Comment I-22-1

My family lives a few miles from the facility, and although we have not experienced any direct impacts, we remain interested in how operations are managed. We appreciate that regulatory oversight exists and understand the importance of permitting programs. At the same time, nearby residents want assurance that concerns will be addressed promptly if circumstances change. Continued monitoring and regular communication are essential components of that assurance. I encourage both the applicant and the agency to remain proactive in sharing

information with the community. Open communication helps build trust and reduce uncertainty.

Response to I-22-1

Final response - Akhila

I-23: Patrick Murphy

Comment I-23-1

After reviewing the materials available to the public, I generally support issuance of the permit. The proposal appears to include several layers of oversight and monitoring designed to ensure compliance with applicable requirements. I recognize that some community members have concerns, and those concerns deserve thoughtful consideration. However, based on the information currently available, I believe the permit establishes reasonable safeguards. Continued agency oversight will remain important moving forward. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process and submit comments for the record.

Response to I-23-1

Final response - Akhila

I-24: Brittany Scott

Comment I-24-1

Public participation is an important part of environmental decision-making, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback. The materials provided were generally helpful, although some sections could have been easier to navigate. I encourage the agency to continue investing in outreach efforts that make information accessible to a broader audience. Many people care deeply about local resources but may not have technical expertise. Providing clear explanations helps foster meaningful engagement. Thank you for maintaining an open and transparent comment process.

Response to I-24-1

Final response - Akhila

I-25: Andrew Fisher

Comment I-25-1

After reviewing the application and related documents, I still have questions regarding long-term performance expectations. Specifically, I would like to know how success will be measured over time and what benchmarks will be used to evaluate compliance. Establishing clear performance indicators can help both regulators and the public understand whether objectives

are being achieved. It would also be useful to know what corrective actions may be required if expectations are not met. Accountability mechanisms are an important component of any permitting program. I encourage the agency to provide additional clarification before making a final decision.

Response to I-25-1

Final response - Akhila

I-26:

Comment I-26-1

The environmental impact would affect animals that are native to this region which are in short if not extinct supply. We have roadrunners which are not very common anymore. I saw one of the largest ones I've ever seen in my cabin's driveway recently. You must make sure that cities and counties are required to undertake meaningful, inclusive public engagement as they make decisions that will directly impact our communities.

Response to I-26-1

Thank you for your comment. We worked in close partnership with wildlife agencies to identify the best locations for wildlife-related improvements. New and improved underpasses, combined with wildlife fencing, will significantly reduce the number of animals crossing, benefiting both wildlife and human safety.

Comment I-26-2

We have a settler's historic cemetery in Smithville which is maintained by my husband and several others of the Bensonville Community Church board. We still have our family reunion and talk about old times in Bensonville in October of each year. Please don't affect this historical site.

Response to I-26-2

No final response has been entered.