

Concrete Operating & Construction General Permits Public Hearing Transcript

February 26, 2026, 12:00AM

14m 7s

Good evening the time is now 7:00 PM on Thursday February 26 2026 and the public hearing is hereby called to order.

For the record this hearing.

Hearing is being held.

The South Carolina Department of Environmental services to receive verbal comments on the proposed renewal of the statewide concrete construction and operating general permit.

My name is Monica Taylor.

On the public participation coordinator with the South Carolina DES Bureau of air quality and I will serve as your public hearing officer this evening.

It is a pleasure to be with you providing meaningful opportunity for public involvement its top priority.

For SCDES and we appreciate you taking the time to participate.

A public notice and initial comment period were announced on September 23rd of 2025 and concluded October 22nd of 2025.

During that time the department.

Received requests to hold a public hearing.

In direct response to those requests and as part of our commitment to accessibility and engagement the public comment period has been extended through March 3rd. Of 2026.

His extension allows additional time for stakeholders to participate and submit comments regarding the proposed permit renewal.

This hearing is being recorded.

And will become part of SCDES official record for the proposed permit renewal.

The recording will be made available on the concrete construction and operating general permit 's web page.

Sedes has established a dedicated web page where the public can access information and documents related to the proposed renewal including tonight's presentation.

That website is www.des.sc.gov forward slash concrete general permits.

If you have not already done so please complete the online registration form by the

close of business tomorrow?

This will ensure you receive notification on the department 's final decision.

Your comments are an essential part of the permitting process.

Information shared tonight and through written comments submitted will be reviewed and considered before a final decision is made.

A final decision has not been made and will not be made here tonight.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive additional input.

Sedes welcomes comments through March 3rd of 2026.

To ensure a efficient and respectful hearing the following guidelines apply.

No question and answers tonight.

Purpose is to receive comments.

Perfect.

Questions will not be answered during the hearing.

But.

The time limit per speaker will be 5 minutes.

8 minutes for elected officials or organized group speakers exceeding that limit will be reminded.

Additional comments may again be submitted in writing at air.

Pncomments@DES.SC.gov.

Thirdly we ask for respectful.

Participation we recognize there is a strong perspective on this matter.

Everyone will have an equal opportunity to speak.

We ask that there's no interruptions.

Please do not interrupt others.

Or while participating.

Participants may be muted or removed from the platform if interruption.

Proceed.

So this is tonight's order for.

The hearing.

An overview of the proposed permit renewal will be provided by Bureau of air quality permit rider nick hoin.

I'll call up nick at this time.

5.

Draft permits and draft statements on basis have been written outlining applicable regulations for concrete facilities statewide.

The general construction permit will enable the concrete facilities to construct and compliance with state and federal air quality regulations.

The general operating permit will enable concrete facilities to operate in compliance with state and federal air quality regulations.

The general permit includes federally enforceable facility wide limits to remain below major source thresholds for both the title 5 operating permit and the prevention of significant deterioration regulations.

The limits are less than 250 tons per year of particulate matter emissions and less than 100 tons per year of particulate matter emissions less than 10 microns.

Thank you nick.

We will now.

To public comments.

As we move into the comment portion.

I would like to reiterate.

Sdes staff are here to listen.

Responses will not be provided tonight.

All comments are being recorded.

Written comments may also be submitted via E permitting e-mail or mail through March 3rd.

All previously submitted comments including those from the original notice period.

Will be considered?

At this time.

Will ask for those of you who would like to comment?

To again.

The call to do something.

Instructions on how to do.

We will first call.

On individuals who have indicated during registration that they wish to speak.

At this time we do not have anyone who has indicated.

Via the online registration that they would wish to provide a comment so we will now move to unregistered comments.

See.

Now here from attendees who did not pre register but wish to comment.

At the same time.

Here that would like to comment please raise your hand.

Unmute.

Your name and you will have 5 minutes to speak.

At this time we.

Have anyone that has indicated they would like to speak?

We will allow a few more minutes.

For those who may want to provide a comment via tonight's public hearing.

We do have.

Remind me to.

That they would like to speak.

We will now unmute you and we ask that you then provide your comment along with your name.

Yes, this is Tim Agner. And I am a member of the concrete industry and I am in full support of your permitting process.

And providing good quality permits for the cement and concrete block industry.

That's all I really have to say. Thank you.

Thank you for your.

Thank you for your comment.

Is there any additional individual who wish to comment?

We will again ask if there are anyone who has not registered or are participating on line and would like to provide a comment.

Please indicate by raising your hand.

You will be unmuted and allowed to provide a comment.

If there are no further comments, the public comments portion of this hearing.

Is now closed.

On behalf of South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, thank you for your participation and for sharing your comments written comments.

We'll continue to be accepted through March 3rd.

You can provide those comments via mail.

E-mail or the E permitting portal.

All submissions received by this deadline.

Including previous submitted comments.

Will be considered in the department's decision making process.

Thank you again for your time and your engagement.

This hearing is now adjourned.

Thank you and good night.