

SENATE BILL 881

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69,  
Chapter 3, Part 1, relative to water quality.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-3-108, is amended by adding a new subsection (e) as follows and by redesignating the remaining subsections accordingly:

(e) Applicants for permits that would authorize a new or expanded wastewater discharge into surface waters shall include in the application consideration of alternatives including but not limited to land application and beneficial re-use of the wastewater.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-3-105, is amended by adding the following as a new appropriately designated subsection:

( ) The board has and shall exercise the power to adopt rules creating a system of incentives for alternatives to discharges to surface waters, such as land application and beneficial re-use of the wastewater. These incentives shall include but not be limited to a permit term of up to ten (10) years for these permits, instead of the five (5) year maximum for permits authorizing discharges to surface waters.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.