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# LIMESTONE STINKS!

Another leak TODAY just in time for this flyer to be finished. Scan the QR code to sign the petition and then we will see you Tuesday and Wednesday!

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# Stop the Limestone Expansion

**Opposition Town Hall Discussion**  
Tuesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00-7:00pm  
River Rest Clubhouse  
1505 Recreation Rd, Franklin, TN 37069

**TDEC Public Hearing**  
Wednesday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm  
Williamson Administrative Complex Auditorium  
1320 West Main St, Franklin, TN 37064

The **Limestone Water Utility Operating Company** is attempting to nearly double the capacity of the Limestone Water Treatment Plant—from **0.25 to 0.45 million gallons per day**. This expansion proposal would replace the current system with an industrial-sized plant featuring a 47-foot tower and increase truck traffic in the neighborhood.

As residents of River Rest, we must oppose this expansion. Limestone has proven time and again that they are incapable of managing the facility they have now. Residents remain plagued by equipment failures, unattended safety hazards, and massive raw sewage spills—including a **300,000-gallon leak** in 2025 that contaminated our waterways.

**Join us as we petition the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conversation (TDEC) to DENY the Limestone expansion.**

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?** Please follow the link/QR code to:

1. Sign and share the petition.
2. Submit a letter to TDEC and the Williamson County Commission in opposition to expansion.
3. RSVP to attend and/or speak at the TDEC hearing on Wednesday, Feb 11, at 5:00pm at the Williamson County Administrative Complex Auditorium (1320 West Main Street, Franklin, TN 37064).
4. Attend our town hall meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 6:00pm at the River Rest Clubhouse.



## Talking Points for Letters and Public Hearing

### Loss of Community Assets & Quality of Life

Constant sewage odors, noise pollution, truck traffic, and industrial activities are incompatible with residential life and have seized our common spaces.

- **The "Poop Field":** The lower back field, once a hub for youth sports and community camp outs, has been rendered unusable due to odor and sewage leaks. We are a neighborhood, not a septic drainage field.
- **Visual & Noise Pollution:** The proposal includes a 40-foot tower and industrial lighting. We request a new design with a lower vertical footprint, robust visual buffers/vegetative screening, and noise-abatement enclosures to manage the sound of the facility's generators.
- **Industrial Traffic:** Constant truck traffic regularly damages our roads and threatens the safety of our residents. We are a neighborhood, not Limestone's driveway.

### A Track Record of Operational Failure

Expansion is a reward for success, not a remedy for constant failure.

- **Frequent Overflows:** Since Dec 2024, multiple spills have flooded our fields with raw sewage and toilet paper.

- **Operational Negligence:** Manholes are frequently left open and unattended, posing a safety risk to residents and children and causing widespread odor.
- **Short Term Solutions:** The operator relies on temporary repairs and applying lime over sewage spills rather than addressing the root technical and institutional failures.

### Lack of Transparency

Limestone has hidden its violations and operational failures from the state (TDEC) by neglecting to report them through the proper channels. They are either incapable of detecting their own violations or unconcerned with the truth.

- **Hidden Spills:** A massive **300,000+ gallon spill** into Cartwright Creek and the Harpeth River in July 2025 was only confirmed *after residents* complained; the operator did not self-report.
- **Data Gaps:** Major events, such as the Christmas 2025 leak, remain missing or "under revision" in the public Dataviewer.
- **Bottom line:** Why should a company that cannot accurately detect or report current issues be trusted with a larger, more complex facility?

### Financial & Accountability Concerns

- **Unjustified Hikes:** In the wake of several operational failures, CSWR/Limestone requested a large rate hike from the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (TPUC) that we formally opposed. TPUC approved a much smaller rate hike.
- **Infrastructure Neglect:** The operator uses our private roads (Recreation & Treatment Plant Rd) for heavy equipment but refuses to take accountability and contribute to basic maintenance—insisting residents cover the costs for contractors and stalling negotiations.

### Timeline of operational failures:

1. **December 30, 2024:** Two resident complaints filed with TDEC regarding a tank overflow spilling into the lower field. **Not self-reported by the operator.**
2. **February 3–5, 2025:** Residents reported foul odors. The operator admitted to leaving manholes open during repairs and "re-applied lime" over the site of the previous December spill as a precaution.
3. **February 18–20, 2025:** A major overflow occurred; water was seen spilling over the tank and running into the field. A manhole cover was found open due to pressure buildup, leaving dried toilet paper on the ground. **Not self-reported by the operator.**
4. **July 10–24, 2025:** After multiple community complaints of sewage smells, TDEC confirmed a massive **300,000+ gallon raw sewage leak** into Cartwright Creek and the Harpeth River. **Not self-reported by the operator.**
5. **December 25, 2025:** An active sewage leak was discovered by a family on a hike. Crews were found on-site with shovels. **Reportedly "self-reported," but as of late January 2026, it remains missing from the public TDEC Dataviewer due to "clerical errors" by the operator.**
6. **January 9, 2026:** A manhole cover was found open with a shovel left on the ground; no workers were present.
7. **January 21, 2026:** The same manhole cover was found open again. Video evidence confirmed active flow with no personnel on-site to monitor the hazard.



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