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Britton graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1991 with a B.S. in Geology and an M.S. in Geography emphasizing karst hydrology. Britton practiced as a hydrogeologist in private consulting for seven years before coming to work for TDEC. At TDEC, Britton worked for 14 years in the Groundwater Protection Division ultimately becoming its director in 2010. In 2013, with the merger of three water related programs into one Division of Water Resources, Britton became the new Division's Deputy Director of Permitting. In 2017, with the creation of the Technical Track for TDEC employees, Britton transitioned into the role of Environmental Fellow. In his role of Environmental Fellow, he works primarily on matters involving groundwater, underground injection, and wastewater management through soil.

The Division of Water Resources conducted a survey of wastewater systems that utilize drip dispersal in January and February of 2024. Many of these systems are owned and operated by private utilities that are subject to TPUC oversight. A report titled "Report on the Performance of Wastewater Systems Utilizing Drip Dispersal in Tennessee" was published on the Division's website on June 7, 2024. A presentation will be provided to discuss the scope of the project, results of the survey in the form of performance populations and the outcome of follow up visits made for the purpose of evaluating return to compliance.