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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-13-24
September 3, 2013**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); ARM 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, statements of basis, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: City of Whitefish
300 Reservoir Road
Whitefish, MT 59937-0158

FACILITY NAME: Whitefish Water Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 300 Reservoir Road
Whitefish MT 59937
Flathead County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: 1907-built reservoir on an unnamed tributary to
Whitefish Lake

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030414

This is a renewal of an existing permit for the City of Whitefish Water Treatment Plant. The facility uses source water from either the Haskill Creek Reservoir or from Whitefish Lake in the production of potable water. The production of potable water utilizes raw water screening, primary coagulation after polymer addition, contact adsorption clarification (CAC), filtration, chlorination, and sulfur dioxide dechlorination. The backwashing of the CAC filters produces a discharge that is directed to the 1907-built municipal reservoir on an unnamed tributary to Whitefish Lake. The facility is

designed to produce six million gallons per day (mgd) of treated potable water at full capacity.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new or increased permits under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit Friends of the Wild Swan vs. U.S. EPA, et al. (CV 97-35-M-DWM), District of Montana and Missoula Division. DEQ finds that renewal of this permit does not conflict with the order because there are no new or increased sources associated with the discharge.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Gateway Village, LLC

FACILITY NAME: Gateway Village Wastewater Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: Tract 2B of COS 347C, Gallatin Road
Gallatin Gateway, Montana 59730
Section 11, Township 3 South, Range 4 East
Gallatin County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000230

The draft Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit authorizes Gateway Village, LLC to discharge domestic wastewater from the proposed Gateway Village Wastewater Facility treatment system to ground water.

The proposed wastewater treatment system would collect and treat domestic wastewater from a planned 190-lot subdivision with an additional 4 commercial lots. The plans include primary treatment through a bar screen and settling within treatment basin. Primary treatment is followed by further biological treatment in an Intermittent Cycle Extended Aeration System. The treated effluent would then be discharged into an adjacent subsurface infiltration gallery. The settled solids would be treated in an aerobic digester, placed in reed beds, and eventually land applied.

The receiving water for the proposed discharge structure (Outfall 001) is shallow Class I ground water as defined in ARM 17.30.1006. The infiltration gallery associated with Outfall 001 is located:

- Southeast ¼ of Section 11, Township 3 South, Range 4 East;
- 45° 35' 20" North Latitude and -111° 11' 41" West Longitude.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS October 3, 2013.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS October 3, 2013** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail David Dunbar or Barb Sharpe at WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373 and 17.30.1024).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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