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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-20-08
June 15, 2020**

Ravalli County Commissioners

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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) intention to issue a General Permit as described in this notice and to hold a public hearing on the issuance of this permit. This permit is 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); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT INFORMATION

- PERMIT/CATEGORY: **General Permit; Disinfected Water and Hydrostatic Testing**
- GEOGRAPHIC REGION: **Statewide**
- FACILITIES: **Disinfected Water and Hydrostatic Testing Sites**
- RECEIVING WATERS: **State Surface Water**
- PERMIT NUMBER: **MTG770000**

The General Permit covers discharges of disinfected water from the flushing of fire hydrants, draining of water storage towers or tanks, and the emptying of public or private swimming pools. Additionally, the permit covers discharges of water used to test the hydrostatic properties of new or existing pipes, tanks, vessels, boilers, and other similar equipment to ensure there will be no discharge of residual petroleum-containing wastes. Discharges from both types of activities are usually intermittent and short-term. The renewal of this General Permit will continue to provide protection of state waters through effluent limitations and required monitoring for pollutants of concern. The renewal is for a five-year cycle.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS July 15, 2020. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS July 15, 2020 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail DEQ at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov

On July 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. a public hearing will be held online on the draft general permit, fact sheet, draft environmental assessment, and DEQ's tentative determination to reissue the permit. Please contact Haley Sir at Haley.Sir@mt.gov on or before July 13th for details on how to attend.

DEQ will respond to all significant 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) 444-5546 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.

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government. Persons needing an accommodation must notify Haley Sir no later than July 8, 2020, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can email Haley at Haley.Sir@mt.gov or write to the address noted to make your request known.

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