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Ravalli County Commissioners

**EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-06
March 22, 2021**

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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is extending the public comment period for the draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit, draft environmental assessment and fact sheet, for Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC. DEQ is extending the public comment period until **April 21, 2021**, providing the public an additional 7-days to comment on the draft MPDES permit.

DEQ intends to reissue a MPDES permit to the facility listed in this notice. 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. Copies of the draft permit, draft environmental assessment, and fact sheet are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on DEQ's website, www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC
 Castle Rock Road
 Colstrip, MT 59323

FACILITY NAME: Rosebud Mine

FACILITY LOCATION: 45° 52' 13.00" N latitude, 106 ° 38' 14.00" W longitude
 Castle Rock Road
 Rosebud County

RECEIVING WATER: East Fork Armells Creek, West Fork Armells
 Creek, Black Hank Creek, Donley Creek, Stocker
 Creek, Lee Coulee, Cow Creek, Pony Creek, and
 Spring Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0023965

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) proposes to renew the MPDES permit for Rosebud Mine discharge for a five-year cycle. The facility discharges to East Fork Armells Creek,
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West Fork Armells Creek, Black Hank Creek, Donley Creek, Stocker Creek, Lee Coulee, Cow Creek, Pony Creek, and Spring Creek. The proposed renewal includes the following actions: WQBELs for aluminum, iron, mercury, total nitrogen, ammonia as N, selenium, and silver for discharges to East Fork Armells Creek – Intermittent; narrative standards for discharges to East Fork Armells Creek – Ephemeral and other ephemeral receiving waters; and removal of four Western Alkaline outfalls associated with phase 4 final bond release for Area E.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS April 21, 2021**. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS April 21, 2021** 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 DEQWPBPublicComments@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 17.30.1374).

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) 444-5546 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.

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