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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-17
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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge 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. 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 NAME: **City of Hamilton**
FACILITY NAME: **City of Hamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant**
FACILITY LOCATION: **1001 New York Avenue
Hamilton, MT 59840**
RECEIVING WATER: **Outfall 001: Bitterroot River, 46.253056, -114.173889**
PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0020028**

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the City of Hamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The WWTP is a major owned publicly owned treatment works which discharges into the Bitterroot River. The facility operates an extended aeration system with ultraviolet light disinfection and an average daily design flow of 1.984 million gallons per day.

Permit limits are carried forward from the 2011-issued permit. The proposed permit includes ambient monitoring requirement for pH, temperature, total ammonia, copper, zinc, and hardness. The proposed permit reduces the monitoring requirement from year-round monthly monitoring to seasonal (July, August, September) monthly monitoring for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 29, 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 JULY 29, 2021** 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 the Department at 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 17.30.1373).

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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