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EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-25

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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 <https://deq.mt.gov/public/index>

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: **General Permit; Storm Water Discharges
Associated with Small Municipal Separate Storm
Sewer Systems (MS4s)**

GEOGRAPHIC REGION: **Statewide**

FACILITIES: **Owners/Operators of Small MS4s**

RECEIVING WATER: **State Surface Water**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MTR040000**

This fifth generation General Permit covers discharges of storm water from Small MS4s including storm water runoff, snow melt, surface runoff, and/or drainage that transports pollutants to waterways via storm sewer systems. The renewal is for a five-year cycle and will continue to provide protection of state waters by requiring owner/operators to maintain, update, and enforce a Storm Water Management Program.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on DECEMBER 6, 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 by 11:59 p.m. on DECEMBER 6, 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

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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