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RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RE: Tentative Determination and Public Notice for Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associates with Industrial Activity, MTR000000

Dear JEFF BURROWS:

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is issuing Public Notice MT-22-02 stating that a tentative determination has been made to reissue the MPDES Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity for a five-year cycle.

The public notice, draft permit, and fact sheet are available on the DEQ website: <https://deq.mt.gov/public/publiccomment>. Hard copies are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau. A copy of the public notice is being provided to other parties who have expressed interest in wastewater discharge permits issued by DEQ. The public comment period closes **February 24, 2022**. In addition, DEQ will record public comment during a public hearing to be held for the draft permit.

The public hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on February 24, 2022**, in Room 111 of the Lee Metcalf Building located at 1520 E. 6th Avenue in Helena, Montana. Please contact Melinda Horne at Melinda.Horne@mt.gov before February 24th for details on how to attend remotely.

During the public comment period, any interested person including the applicant may submit comments to DEQ on the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment. All persons, including the applicant, who believe any condition of a draft permit is inappropriate or in error, or that the tentative decision to issue the permit is incorrect, must submit these concerns in writing to DEQ prior to close of the public comment period. DEQ must consider all comments in preparing and issuing a final permit.

This notice is for renewal of an existing discharge permit. Please review the terms and conditions of the draft permit carefully. If you have questions on the draft permit or the permitting process, please contact Melinda Horne at Melinda.Horne@mt.gov or Rainie DeVaney at rdevaney@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Jon Kenning, Chief
Water Protection Bureau