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Ravalli County Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-22-08  
May 2, 2022

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

APPLICANT INFORMATION

- PERMIT/CATEGORY: **General Permit: Domestic Sewage Treatment Lagoons – Batch and Non-Discharging Facilities**
- GEOGRAPHIC REGION: **Statewide (except within the boundaries of Indian Reservations)**
- FACILITIES: **Privately owned and Publicly owned Treatment Works**
- RECEIVING WATER: **State Surface Water**
- PERMIT NUMBER: **MTG580000**

The Department is proposing to renew the *General Permit for Domestic Sewage Treatment Lagoons; Batch and Non-Discharging Facilities* to provide statewide MPDES coverage for a five-year cycle.

There are 21 facilities currently operating under the previous General Permit which may be eligible for coverage under the proposed General Permit. To be eligible, the domestic lagoon must have an average daily design flow rate of less than one million gallons per day and must not accept significant industrial contribution.

The facility must be able to meet the effluent limits, monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements in the renewed General Permit. For batch dischargers this includes no discharge during the months that narrative nutrient criteria apply (typically July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>).

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on JUNE 2, 2022.** 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 JUNE 2, 2022,** 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](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov)

**A public hearing will be held on the draft discharge permit, the fact sheet, environmental assessment, and the Department's tentative determination at 10:30 AM on Thursday, June 2, 2022, in Room 111 of the Lee Metcalf Building located at 1520 East 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., in Helena, Montana.**

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 administrative record, including the 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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