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Ravalli County Commissioners

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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 and fact sheet are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website <https://deq.mt.gov/public/index>

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: **Westmoreland Rosebud Mining, LLC**
Castle Rock Road
Colstrip, Montana 59323

FACILITY NAME: **Rosebud Mine Area B AM5**

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

RECEIVING WATER: **Lee Coulee, Fossil Fuel to Lee Coulee, tributaries to Fossil Fork, tributaries to Richard Coulee**

PERMIT NUMBER **MT0032042**

DEQ proposes to issue a new Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for the Rosebud Mine Area B AM5. Westmoreland Rosebud Mining, LLC is the owner and operator of the proposed surface coal mine located near Colstrip, Montana.

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In the draft MPDES permit, DEQ proposes effluent limits, monitoring requirements, and special conditions at each outfall developed specifically for the Rosebud Area B AM5 coal mine to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving water bodies. Outfalls 001 through 018 propose to discharge mine drainage to Lee Coulee, Fossil Fork to Lee Coulee, tributaries to Fossil Fork, and tributaries to Richard Coulee. The draft permit includes the following: TBELs for iron, total suspended solids, settleable solids, pH; WQBELs for oil and grease, electrical conductivity, and sodium adsorption ratio; and special conditions for the management of discharges.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on JULY 1, 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 JULY 1, 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

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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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-22-11

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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to modify the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems General Permit. This permit is modified 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 modified permit. Copies of the draft modified 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; 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 Waters
PERMIT NUMBER:	MTR040000

This permitting action is the major modification of the recent renewal of the General Permit for Small MS4s that was issued February 14, 2022. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was requested to clarify wording. The scope of this major modification is limited to clarification of similar wording in different subparts of Part II(A)(2): Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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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 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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