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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-22-16  
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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: **CHS, Inc.**  
FACILITY NAME: **Laurel Refinery**  
FACILITY LOCATION: **802 Highway, 212 South  
Laurel, Montana 59044**  
COUNTY: **Yellowstone County**  
RECEIVING WATER: **Yellowstone River**  
OUTFALL: **Outfalls 002 and 003**  
PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0000264**

DEQ proposes to renew the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for the CHS, Inc. Laurel Refinery which discharges into the Yellowstone River. The discharge is treated through the facility's wastewater treatment facility that includes oil/water separation, equalization, an activated sludge unit and clarifier, and tertiary treatment for arsenic.

The draft MPDES permit includes technology-based effluent limits for a variety of pollutants including but not limited to oil & grease, sulfide, ammonia, pH, and 5-day biochemical oxygen demand. In addition to technology-based effluent limits, the draft MPDES permit includes water

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quality-based effluent limits for a variety of pollutants including but not limited to arsenic, total residual chlorine, and hydrogen sulfide to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving waters. The draft MPDES permit also include effluent and whole effluent toxicity monitoring requirements.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on SEPTEMBER 15, 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 SEPTEMBER 15, 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)

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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