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**EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-23-08  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is extending the public comment period for the draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit and fact sheet, for Par Montana, LLC’s Billings Refinery. DEQ is extending the public comment period until October 6, 2023, providing the public an additional 30 days to comment on the draft MPDES permit.

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intent 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:	<b>Par Montana, LLC</b>
FACILITY NAME:	<b>Par Montana Billings Refinery</b>
FACILITY LOCATION:	<b>700 Par Montana Road Billings, Montana 59101</b>
COUNTY:	<b>Yellowstone</b>
RECEIVING WATER:	<b>Yellowstone River</b>
PERMIT NUMBER:	<b>MT0000477</b>

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Par Montana Billings Refinery (Par Montana). Par Montana processes, treats, and transforms crude oil and other raw materials into refined hydrocarbon products, byproducts, and intermediates. The reported throughput in the 2020 permit application is 61,900 barrels of crude oil per operating day. Noncontact cooling water is taken from and returned to the Yellowstone River. Process wastewater is treated in a large wastewater lagoon system and discharged to the Yellowstone River.

Noncontact cooling water and process wastewater discharged to the Yellowstone River must meet effluent limits in the discharge permit. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity with monthly reporting of results. This permit and fact sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on October 6, 2023.** 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 OCTOBER 6, 2023,** 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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