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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-15-50
October 13, 2015**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are 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 draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheet, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

- APPLICANT NAME: Town of Hysham
P.O. Box 228
Hysham, MT 59038
- FACILITY NAME: Town of Hysham Wastewater Treatment Facility
- FACILITY LOCATION: 46°17'35" N latitude, 107°15'35" W longitude
Treasure County
- RECEIVING WATER: Unnamed tributary to the Yellowstone River
- PERMIT NUMBER: MT0021709

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for surface discharge of treated wastewater to an unnamed tributary to the Yellowstone River. The unnamed tributary to the Yellowstone River is an ephemeral stream. The Town of Hysham operates a two-cell facultative lagoon system (with a portable aerator in cell 1) that serves approximately 312 people. The proposed permit will apply treatment equivalent to secondary treatment standards for five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD5), national secondary treatment standards for pH, and alternative state requirements applicable to lagoon systems for total suspended solids (TSS). 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.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: John Collins
FACILITY NAME: Collin Pool House
FACILITY LOCATION: 3080 East Lakeshore Dr.
Whitefish, Montana
RECEIVING WATER: Whitefish Lake
PERMIT NUMBER: MT0031658

The discharge is from an open end heat exchange system that withdraws water from Whitefish Lake and uses it for heating or cooling purposes. The water is then discharged back into the Lake. The discharge pipe is located approximately 40 feet from shore at a depth of 50 feet below the lake surface. The system employs a once through cooling and heating water loop and does not inject or use any chemical controls.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS November 12, 2015.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS November 12, 2015** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at 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) 444-3080 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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