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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-17-01**  
**January 3, 2017**

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](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

APPLICANT: Town of Plains

FACILITY NAME: Town of Plains Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: 296 Helterline Ln.  
Plains, MT 59859  
N 45.46288, W 114.92749

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Clark Fork River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030465

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Town of Plains wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). The WWTF is a minor publicly owned treatment works (POTW) which discharges into the Clark Fork River. The facility was originally constructed in 2004 with modifications completed in 2008. The WWTP has an average daily design flow of 0.18 million gallons per day for a design population of 1,750.

The facility is not a new or increased source and does not trigger nondegradation requirements. DEQ is proposing no new effluent limitations in this permit. Monitoring requirements for total nitrogen and total phosphorus have been revised and are now only required during the nutrient season months of July, August and September.

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**APPLICANT:** Apple Rehab West  
2555 East Broadway  
Helena, MT 59601

**FACILITY NAME:** Elkhorn Health and Rehabilitation Center  
Wastewater Treatment Plant

**FACILITY LOCATION:** 474 Highway 287  
Clancy, MT 59634  
46.449444 N, 111.985278 W

**RECEIVING WATER:** Outfall 001: Prickly Pear Creek

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**PERMIT NUMBER:** MT0023566

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Elkhorn Health and Rehabilitation Center wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The WWTP is a minor privately owned treatment works originally constructed in 1971 with upgrades in 2014. The WWTP has an average daily design flow of .015 million gallons per day for a design population of 100.

In this proposed permit, a standard mixing zone has been granted for ammonia and total residual chlorine. The facility is not a new or increased source and does not trigger nondegradation requirements.

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**APPLICANT NAME:** Town of Whitehall  
P.O. Box 529  
Whitehall, MT 59759

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**FACILITY NAME:** Whitehall Wastewater Treatment Facility

**FACILITY LOCATION:** Township 1N, Range 4W, Section 2, Jefferson County

**RECEIVING WATER:** Big Pipestone Creek

**PERMIT NUMBER:** MT0020133

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater to Big Pipestone Creek. The Town of Whitehall operates a three-cell facultative lagoon system, with ultraviolet effluent disinfection, constructed in late 1950's, upgraded in 1988, and upgraded in 2012. The domestic wastewater collection and treatment system serves approximately 1,100 people. The proposed permit will (1) apply national secondary treatment standards for five-day biochemical

oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>) and pH and (2) maintain existing limits on *E. coli* bacteria, treatment equivalent to secondary standards for total suspended solids (TSS) and (3) apply limits on total ammonia-N, total nitrogen, and total phosphorus. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring and reporting of discharge quality and quantity and periodic monitoring and reporting of upstream ambient water quality. This permit and Fact Sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS February 2, 2017.** 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 February 2, 2017** 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](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) 444-3080 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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