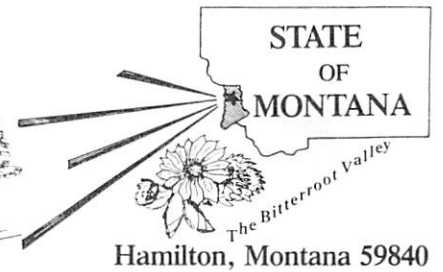


COUNTY OF RAVALLI



Hamilton, Montana 59840

January 12, 2017

Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)
Attention: Mary Louise Hendrickson
Solid Waste and Septic Tank Pumpers Program
PO Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901

RE: Eckert's Patriot Pumpers – Proposed Land Application Site

Dear Mary,

The Ravalli County Board of Health (RCBOH) met January 11th, 2017 to discuss the proposed land application site by Eckert's Patriot Pumpers and the response letter from DEQ. The RCBOH approved sending a letter for DEQ to incorporate the following four items into the final permit approval:

The RCBOH is requesting the following:

- 1) Remove ability for application of septage to frozen ground. Currently the EA allows the application of septage to frozen ground on the site under certain situations. The RCBOH is requesting that under no circumstances septage be applied to frozen ground. **The applicator has agreed to this condition.**
- 2) Only one company be allowed to utilize the site for septage application. The RCBOH is requesting DEQ condition the final permitting to allow only Eckert's Patriot Pumping to utilize the site for application. This will ensure accountability by the applicator. **The applicator has agreed to this condition.**
- 3) The RCBOH is requesting DEQ state in the final permit that the Ravalli County Environmental Health Department may inspect the site upon receiving a signed complaint, directed by the RCBOH or requested by DEQ. **The applicator has agreed to this condition.**
- 4) The RCBOH is requesting the site owner, the applicator and the homeowners responsible for maintaining the road have a road use agreement.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Jeff Burrows, Chairman Ravalli County Board of Health