



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-15-26
May 1, 2015

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) intention to issue a General Permit as described in this notice. This permit is issued by the DEQ 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 DEQ's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT INFORMATION

PERMIT/CATEGORY: Construction Dewatering General Permit (CDGP)

GEOGRAPHIC REGION: Statewide (except within Indian Lands)

FACILITIES: Owners/Operators of Construction Dewatering or Well Development Projects

RECEIVING WATERS: State Surface Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTG070000

The CDGP allows dischargers that meet effluent limitations and other conditions specified in the permit to discharge wastewater to state waters. The CDGP covers discharges of water from cofferdams, trenches, pits or other similar excavations associated with construction sites in Montana, excluding Indian Lands. Well pump tests, well development discharges and similar activities that must remove turbidity and suspended solids or sediment before the treated water is discharged to state water may also be covered under the CDGP. Discharges associated with the General Permit are usually short-term. Owners or operators of proposed dewatering projects must apply for authorization and receive written approval from DEQ to be covered under the CDGP.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS on June 5, 2015. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water

Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF on June 5, 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 DEQ at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov

A public hearing will be held on the draft general permit, fact sheet, environmental assessment, and DEQ's tentative determination on June 2, 2015, at 1:30 PM in DEQ's Lee Metcalf Building, Room 111 at 1520 E. Sixth Ave, Helena, MT.

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government. Persons needing an accommodation must notify Christine Weaver no later than May 26, 2015, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can call Christine at 444-3927 or write to the address noted to make your request known.

DEQ 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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