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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

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The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue and/or renew wastewater discharge permits under the authority of MCA 75-5-402 and ARM 17.30.1301 et seq. (Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.)

It is the Department's intention to issue and/or renew (1) industrial permits and (2) municipal permits.

APPLICANT INFORMATION AND DEPARTMENT'S TENTATIVE DETERMINATIONS

APPLICANT NAME: Town of Stanford
APPLICANT ADDRESS: Box 123, Stanford, Montana 59479
APPLICANT STATUS: Renewal
FACILITY LOCATION: SE ¼ NE ¼ NE ¼ Section 16, Range 12E, Township 16N,
Judith Basin County, Montana
PERMIT NUMBER: MT-0022161
EXPIRATION DATE: May 31, 2003
RECEIVING WATERS: Skull Creek

This application is for the renewal of a discharge permit for the wastewater treatment facility which serves Stanford, Montana. The application is for one existing discharge of treated domestic wastewater. The wastewater treatment facility consists of a single cell facultative lagoon with a total surface area of approximately 6 acres.

Discharge is to Skull Creek, which is classified "C-3" by the Montana Surface Water Quality Standards. Waters classified C-3 are considered suitable for bathing, swimming and recreation, growth and propagation of salmonid fishes associated aquatic life, waterfowl and furbearers. The quality of these waters is naturally marginal for drinking, culinary and food processing purposes, agriculture and industrial water supply. Degradation which will impact established beneficial uses

will not be allowed. Effluent limitations will ensure that the Montana Nondegradation Rules, Montana Surface Water Quality Standards and National Secondary Treatment Standards will be met. Effluent load limits in this permit have been specified to support and define the total maximum daily loads (TMDL's) for Skull Creek.

The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity with the reporting of results monthly. This permit and Statement of Basis will be submitted to EPA for approval of the TMDL under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. The recommended expiration date for the permit is May 31, 2003.

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REGISTER OF INTERESTED PERSONS

Any person interested in a particular application, or group of applications, may submit their name, address, and telephone number to the Department for the purpose of being included on the mailing list for public notice of tentative permits. The list of names will be maintained as a means for contacting persons with an interest in MPDES permit actions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 10, 1998 or within 30 days of date of posting, whichever is later. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, Montana, 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 10, 1998 or 30 days from posting date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits.

If no objections are received within the specified comment period, the Department will issue final determinations within sixty days of the date of this notice. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080, or by writing to the aforementioned address. The draft permit, environmental assessments, and related documents are available for review and reproduction at the aforementioned address.

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