



**Montana Department of
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

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August 7, 2006

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, statements of basis, 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: Richland County
Richland County Courthouse
Sidney, MT 59270

FACILITY NAME: Savage Lagoon

FACILITY LOCATION: T20N, R58E, Section 33

PERMIT NUMBER: MT 0024783

RECEIVING WATER: Yellowstone River

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Domestic wastewater is treated in a three-acre, one-cell facultative lagoon with a design flow of 0.0195 million gallons per day. The renewed permit includes new E. coli, oil and grease and chlorine limits and a 4.5-year compliance schedule to meet water quality standards.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES

program. The order was issued in the lawsuit Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al., CV 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The DEQ finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because the permit is not new or increased.

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APPLICANT: City of Colstrip
P.O. Box 1902
Colstrip, MT 59323

FACILITY NAME: City of Colstrip Sewage Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: Section 27, Township 2 North, Range 41 East,
Rosebud County

RECEIVING WATER: East Fork Armells Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0022373

The City of Colstrip Sewage Treatment Plant is an activated sludge oxidation ditch serving approximately 2,340 people with a design flow of 0.6 million gallons per day. An additional outfall will be included in the permit to allow the Colstrip Parks and Recreation Department to use treated wastewater to irrigate the Ponderosa Butte Golf Course. A compliance schedule to meet additional effluent limits for E. coli, oil and grease, chlorine and ammonia is included in the permit. Increased influent and effluent monitoring requirements will ensure the facility is in compliance with Montana water quality standards. The discharge does not constitute a new or increased source for the purpose of Montana Nondegradation requirements.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 5, 2006. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or

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postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 5, 2006 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 Dianne McKittrick at WPBPublicNotices@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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