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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) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). 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: Contact Mining Company
1029 Choteau Street
Helena, MT 59601

FACILITY NAME: Contact Mill

FACILITY LOCATION: East ½ Section 36, T 7N, R 14W, Granite County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 002A: Class I Ground Water
Outfall 003A: Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000002

The Department is renewing a ground water pollution control system permit for the Contact Mill, a small contract mill located south of Philipsburg. Typical ores processed are milled for trace metals such as lead, silver, copper, and gold. The Contact Mill does not have a site-specific mine for its services. The mill uses floatation to separate the ore concentrate from the

waste rock (tailings). Tailings are disposed to one of two tailings impoundments located geographically south of the mill. Discharges to ground water are from the wastewater contained in the tailings that migrates downward to the ground water.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: Marv Linde, Owner
547 Garden Avenue
Billings, Montana 59401

FACILITY NAME: Bozeman KOA Campground

FACILITY LOCATION: North ½ Southeast ¼ of Section 14, Township 2 South,
Range 4 East, Gallatin County

RECEIVING WATER: Class I ground water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000126

The permit renewal authorizes the discharge of treated residential-strength domestic wastewater from the Bozeman KOA Campground, which collects, treats, and disposes of a daily design capacity of 12,250 gallons per day (gpd) of effluent from a total of 145 overnight campsites, which includes 100 fully-serviced recreational vehicle spaces, 30 primitive tent sites, and 15 rustic cabins. The campground is operational year-around. Wastewater treatment occurs in a conventional septic tank that is pumped to a subsurface drainfield, which discharges to the shallow ground water (Outfall 001).

Ground water beneath the property is listed as Class I, according to the Administrative Rules of Montana [ARM 17.30.1006(1)]. The permittee is required to monitor the effluent monthly and the quality of the shallow ground water quarterly to ensure the proper treatment of BOD, TSS, phosphorous, and nitrogen. The draft discharge permit grants a standard 500-foot ground water mixing zone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30, 2009. 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 JUNE 30, 2009 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed

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on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail Carole Bertke or Barb Sharpe 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 17.30.1024).

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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