



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-09-23

July 13, 2009

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is 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 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 the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Stimson Lumber Company
520 SW Yamhill, Suite 308
Portland, OR 97204

FACILITY NAME: Stimson Lumber Company

FACILITY LOCATION: Northwest ¼ of Section 22, Township 13 North, Range
18 West, Missoula County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001A: Blackfoot River
Outfall 003: Blackfoot River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0000205

This is a major modification of MPDES permit MT0000205 (Permit) for the Stimson Lumber Company located in Bonner, MT. The Permit regulates discharge to the Blackfoot River of treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 003 and the discharge of boiler blowdown, non-contact cooling water, yard runoff water, and stormwater from the industrial wastewater outfall to the Blackfoot River (Outfall 001A).

This Permit modification includes: 1) termination of Outfall 002 to the Blackfoot River and

2) extension of the compliance date for adherence to the final total residual chlorine maximum daily limit of 0.019 mg/L to midnight October 31, 2011.

Minor typographical errors have been corrected while the Permit is reopened.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads 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.*, CA 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 does not authorize any new or increased discharge of pollutants.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS August 12, 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 August 12, 2009 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 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 17.30.1373).

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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