



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-11-03

February 7, 2011

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 NAME: City of Havre
P.O. Box 231
Havre, MT 59501

FACILITY NAME: City of Havre Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 1201 4th Street North, Havre
Hill County

RECEIVING WATER: Milk River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0022535

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for surface discharge of treated wastewater to the Milk River. The City of Havre operates an activated sludge facility with effluent disinfection and a design flow of 1.8 million gallons per day. Chlorination is utilized for effluent disinfection followed by dechlorination with sulfur dioxide. The domestic wastewater collection and treatment system serves approximately 10,325 people. The proposed permit will apply secondary treatment standards for pH, five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅), total suspended solids (TSS) and year-round pathogen limits, as measured by *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*). Mass limits have also been applied for CBOD₅ and TSS. In addition, effluent limits have been imposed for oil and grease, total residual chlorine and total ammonia-N. A

compliance schedule is included in the permit that requires design and construction of upgraded facilities capable of achieving compliance with final effluent total ammonia-N limits. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, as well as the receiving water, with monthly reporting of results. This permit and Statement of Basis will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

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 this is not a new or increased source.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS March 9, 2011. 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 March 9, 2011 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 Noelle Uncles 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 17.30.1373).

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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