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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) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 et seq., Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, statement of basis, 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: Plum Creek Manufacturing Inc.
500 12th Avenue West
Columbia Falls, MT 59912

FACILITY NAME: Plum Creek Manufacturing,
Columbia Falls Operations

FACILITY LOCATION: Section 8, Township 30 North, Range 20 West,
Flathead County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 003A: Class I Ground Water
Outfall 004A: Class I Ground Water
Outfall 006A: Class I Ground Water
Outfall 007A: Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000092

This is a modification for an existing permit for multiple subsurface wastewater disposal systems servicing the existing Plum Creek timber products processing facility located in Columbia Falls, MT. Plum Creek Manufacturing (PCM) is a timber products processing facility that manufactures plywood, Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) and finished wood products. The modification addresses the addition of one outfall to the existing permit (Outfall 007A). All discharges from the PCM facility discharge to Class I ground waters. PCM will be issued standard mixing zones for each outfall for the parameter Total Dissolved

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Solids (TDS). The Department will grant PCM a mixing zone for TDS at each outfall and the permittee will be required to meet the SMCL of 500 mg/L at the end of each mixing zone. The proposed discharge is not a new or increased source pursuant to ARM 17.30.702 (18).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS July 27, 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 July 27, 2011 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. 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 17.30.1024).

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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