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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); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); ARM 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS); 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: Meat Production Inc.
2095 Airport Road
P.O Box 2096
Kalispell, MT 59903

FACILITY NAME: Stampede Packing Co.

FACILITY LOCATION: Section 20, Township 28 North, Range 21 East,
Flathead County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000100

The renewal permit is for Meat Production Inc. (MPI) located in Kalispell, Montana. MPI discharges wastewater from its meat processing and packing facility. The meat packing facility consists of meat cutting, curing, smoking, cooking and packaging in the processing of hams, bacon and sausage.

Wastewater is generated during cleanup of meat cutting, curing, smoking, cooking and packaging operations, laundry operations and one employee lavatory. Wastewater generated through these

processes discharge to a subsurface drain field. Permit application materials indicate the contributory flow volumes of approximately 1,870 gpd.

The proposed permit authorizes discharge of industrial strength wastewater to one (1) drainfield which will then discharge to ground water, which is the receiving water for this source. Outfall 001 is located at T 28N, R 21E, Section 20 or North 48° 10' 18.7" latitude and West -114° 18' 29.3" longitude.

The discharge does not constitute a new or increased source and is not subject to Montana Nondegradation Policy (75-5-303, MCA). The permit contains numeric permit limits and monitoring requirements in accordance with the Montana Water Quality Act.

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APPLICANT: Town of Plains
FACILITY NAME: Town of Plains Wastewater Treatment Facility
FACILITY LOCATION: Township 20 N, Range 26 W, Section 28
COUNTY: Sanders
RECEIVING WATER: Clark Fork River
PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030465

This is a major modification of the MPDES permit for the Town of Plains Wastewater Treatment Facility. The facility continuously discharges into the Clark Fork River. The modification changes a compliance schedule date for the installation of effluent flow monitoring equipment. As specified in the Administrative Rules of Montana at ARM 17.30.1361 only the modified compliance schedule date is subject to this public notice and comment period. All other provisions of the permit remain in effect and are not reopened.

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 proposed modification of this permit does not conflict with the order because it is not a new permit and does not allow an increase of a permitted discharge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS November 30, 2011.

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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 November 30, 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 and 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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