



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-12-03
February 6, 2012

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, 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: Town of Winnett
16 South Broadway
Winnett, MT 59087

FACILITY NAME: Town of Winnett Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: Township 14N, Range 27E, Section 6
1 Railroad St. North
Winnett, MT 59087

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: McDonald Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020702

This notice is for renewal of the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for the Town of Winnett Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) serving the Town of Winnett and discharging to McDonald Creek. The WWTF is a secondary system comprised of three aerated lagoons. The WWTF services a population of approximately 182 (Census 2010) in Winnett. McDonald Creek is classified as a C-3 waterbody. No mixing zone is proposed to be granted for the facility. Technology-based effluent limits for biological oxygen demand and total suspended solids are proposed. Water quality based effluent limits are proposed for *Escherichia coli* bacteria, total residual chlorine, total ammonia as N, oil and

grease and pH. Monitoring of parameters for both influent and effluent water are proposed.

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 discharge does not constitute a new or increased source.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS March 7, 2012. 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 7, 2012 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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