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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE**

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 NAME: City of Roundup
P.O. Box 6600
Roundup, MT 59072

FACILITY NAME: City of Roundup Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: T8N, R26E, Section 18
Musselshell County

RECEIVING WATER: Musselshell River – 001
Impoundment/wetlands - 002

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030295

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater to the Musselshell River through Outfall 001 and to the impoundment/wetlands through Outfall 002. The City of Roundup operates a three-cell aerated lagoon cell system, including a sedimentation cell, with ultraviolet light (UV) effluent disinfection. The design flow of the wastewater treatment facilities (WWTF) is 0.320 million gallons per day. The domestic wastewater collection and treatment system serves approximately 1,788 people. The proposed permit will immediately apply secondary treatment standards for five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) and pH; treatment equivalent to secondary (TES) for TSS; and limits on *E. coli* bacteria. Future effluent limits on total ammonia-N and nitrate plus nitrite nitrogen apply to discharges to the Musselshell River. The proposed permit requires periodic self-

monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, 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 (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., 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 and no TMDLs are required for the reach of the Musselshell River that receives the discharge from the Roundup WWTF.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 19, 2013.** 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 September 19, 2013** 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 David Dunbar 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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