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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 and hold public hearings on the issuance of these permits. 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); 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, fact sheets, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau address or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: **City and County of Butte-Silver Bow
Courthouse
155 W. Granite
Butte, MT 59701**

FACILITY NAME: **City and County of Butte-Silver Bow Wastewater
Treatment Plant**

FACILITY LOCATION: **800 Centennial Avenue
Butte, MT 59701**

RECEIVING WATERS: **Silver Bow Creek**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0022012**

The City and County of Butte-Silver Bow (BSB) Wastewater Treatment Plant is a complete mix activated sludge secondary treatment system with aerobic sludge digestion, gaseous chlorine disinfection and serves approximately 36,000 people. The Clark Fork River Total Maximum Daily Load Waste Load Allocations for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus during the summer months are included. Limits for total ammonia-nitrogen and specific

metals are proposed. Increased influent and effluent monitoring requirements will ensure the facility is in compliance with Montana water quality standards. A permit special condition for land application of treated wastewater is incorporated.

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 there are no new or increased source.

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APPLICANT NAME: **City of Deer Lodge
300 Main Street
Deer Lodge, MT 59772**

FACILITY NAME: **City of Deer Lodge Wastewater Treatment Facility**

FACILITY LOCATION: **198 N. Frontage Road
Deer Lodge, MT 59772**

RECEIVING WATERS: **Clark Fork River**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0022616**

The City of Deer Lodge Wastewater Treatment Facility is an aerated lagoon system with UV disinfection and serves approximately 3,500 people. The Clark Fork River Total Maximum Daily Load Waste Load Allocations for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus during the summer months are included. Increased influent and effluent monitoring requirements will ensure the facility is in compliance with Montana water quality standards. A permit special condition for land application of treated wastewater is incorporated.

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APPLICANT NAME: **City of Missoula
435 Ryman Street
Missoula, MT 59802**

FACILITY NAME: **City of Missoula Wastewater Treatment Plant**

FACILITY LOCATION: **1100 Clark Fork Lane
Missoula, MT 59802**

RECEIVING WATERS: **Clark Fork River**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0022594**

The City of Missoula Wastewater Treatment Plant is a tertiary biological nutrient removal system with aerobic/anaerobic sludge digestion serving approximately 63,000 people with an upgraded design flow of 12 million gallons per day. Permit limitations have been developed to ensure the discharge does not constitute a new or increased source for the purpose of Montana Nondegradation requirements. The Clark Fork River Total Maximum Daily Load Waste Load Allocations for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus during the summer months are included. Increased influent and effluent monitoring requirements will ensure the facility is in compliance with Montana water quality standards. A permit special condition for land application of treated wastewater is incorporated. Increased influent and effluent monitoring requirements will ensure the facility is in compliance with Montana water quality standards.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 8, 2006**. 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 8, 2006** 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 Dianne McKittrick at WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov.

A public hearing will be held on the draft wastewater discharge permit for the **City and**

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County of Butte-Silver Bow, MT0022012, the fact sheet, environmental assessment, and the Department's tentative determination at **7:00 pm Thursday, September 7, 2006 at the Butte-Silver Bow Courthouse Council Chambers, 18 W. Granite, Butte, MT.**

A public hearing will be held on the draft wastewater discharge permit for the **City of Deer Lodge Wastewater Treatment Facility, MT0022616**, the fact sheet, environmental assessment, and the Department's tentative determination at **7:00 pm Thursday, September 7, 2006 at the Butte-Silver Bow Courthouse Council Chambers, 18 W. Granite, Butte, MT.**

A public hearing will be held on the draft wastewater discharge permit for the **City of Missoula Wastewater Treatment Plant, MT0022594**, the fact sheet, environmental assessment, and the Department's tentative determination at **7:00 pm Wednesday, September 6, 2006 at the Doubletree Edgewater Hotel, Bitterroot Room, 100 Madison St., Missoula, MT.**

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 administrative record, including the permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government. Persons needing an accommodation must notify Barb Gibson no later than **August 30, 2006**, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can call Barb at 444-3080 or write to her at the address noted to make your request known.

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