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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-12-23**  
**May 14, 2012**

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](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Hinsdale County Water and Sewer District  
P.O. Box 55  
Hinsdale, MT 59241

FACILITY NAME: Town of Hinsdale Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: Township 31N, Range 36E, Section 31  
446 Ohio Street  
Hinsdale, MT 59241

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Milk River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020656

This notice is for renewal of the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for the Town of Hinsdale Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) serving the Town of Hinsdale and discharging to the Milk River. The WWTP is a secondary system composed of an activated sludge, extended aeration package plant. The WWTP services a population of approximately 217 (Census 2010) in Hinsdale. The Milk River is classified as a B-3

waterbody in the vicinity of the discharge. No mixing zone is proposed to be granted for the facility. Technology-based effluent limits for biological oxygen demand, total suspended solids, and pH are proposed. Water quality based effluent limits are proposed for Escherichia coli bacteria and nitrate plus nitrite as N. Monitoring of parameters for influent, effluent, and background 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.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: Hebgen Lake Estates County Water and Sewer District  
P.O. Box 225  
West Yellowstone, MT 59758

FACILITY NAME: Hebgen Lake Estates Wastewater Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: Northeast ¼, Southwest ¼ of Section 24, Township 13 South,  
Range 4 East, Gallatin County

RECEIVING WATER: Class I ground water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000151

This is an issuance of a new permit for the Hebgen Lake Estates Wastewater Facility located in Gallatin County just south of the Grayling arm of Hebgen Lake. The facility treats wastewater from the Hebgen Lake Estates subdivision. The wastewater treatment consists of septic tanks and Level II recirculating filters. The treated effluent is discharged from a pressure-dosed drainfield into Class I ground water. The design capacity for the system is 35,800 gallons per day.

The proposed permit authorizes the permittee to discharge treated domestic wastewater to ground water from one drainfield identified as Outfall 001. The outfall is located at 46° 36' 06" Latitude and -112° 06' 51" West Longitude.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS June 13, 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 June 13, 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 Barb Sharpe at [WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov](mailto: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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