



November 18, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

To comply with the Administrative Rules of Montana, 17.4.607(2) and 17.4.609(2), the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has prepared the enclosed draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The attached draft EA is for the land application of septage and grease trap waste in Ravalli County, Montana.

The purpose of this Draft EA is to inform the public of the proposed action and to seek public participation in the decision-making process. Persons wishing to comment have until the close of business on December 19, 2016, to submit written comments concerning the proposal. DEQ will not make a final decision until after the comment period has ended. A complete color copy of the EA may be viewed on DEQ's website at: <http://deq.mt.gov/public/ea/SepticPumpers>.

If you wish to comment on this proposed action during the comment period, please do so in writing by mailing your comments to the Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau, Solid Waste Program, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by E-mail to mailbox [DEQSTPprogram@mt.gov](mailto:DEQSTPprogram@mt.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Stepp", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Tim Stepp  
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Enclosure: Draft EA – Eckert's Patriot Pumpers