

PUBLIC NOTICE

- 1) The Department of Environmental Quality is inviting public comment on the submission of a mitigation plan to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for areas with historically documented or known seasonal exceptional events.
- 2) In September 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency revised the Exceptional Events Rule to require a mitigation plan for areas where events of the same type and pollutant recur in a 3-year period. This plan must address how the state provides public notification and education, steps to identify, study and mitigate impacts to the public, and provisions for periodic review and evaluation. The mitigation plan covers the state of Montana for PM_{2.5} wildfire events.
- 3) The Department will accept public comment regarding the submission for 30 days. The public comment period begins on July 6, 2018 and ends on August 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- 4) Interested persons may view the State of Montana Mitigation Plan for Wildfire Exceptional Events on the Department's website at: <http://deq.mt.gov/public/publiccomment> or may call the Department at 406-444-3490 to have a copy made available for their inspection.
- 5) The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government proceedings. Persons requiring accommodation need to contact Kristi Ponozzo concerning the nature of the accommodation. Please contact Kristi at P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; phone 406-444-2813; fax 406-444-1499; or email KPonozzo@mt.gov.
- 6) Interested parties may submit their comments concerning the proposal described above in writing to the Department by:
 - addressing them to Kristen Martin, 1520 E. Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana, 59620-0901;
 - faxing them to (406) 444-1499; or
 - sending them via email addressed to "KMartin@mt.gov."

To be guaranteed consideration, written comments must be postmarked on or before 5:00 p.m., August 5, 2018.