

## PUBLIC NOTICE

- 1) The Department of Environmental Quality is inviting public comment on two administrative request submissions to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to exclude certain ambient air monitoring data from regulatory review.
- 2) The first submission is for certain PM<sub>10</sub> ambient air monitoring data from 2018 that were flagged for exclusion because their values were affected (i.e. increased) due to smoke from wildfires. The documentation contains information regarding the monitoring data "flagged" for exclusion. After review, EPA may exclude the flagged data for purposes of air quality planning and regulation.
- 3) The second submission is for PM<sub>2.5</sub> ambient air monitoring data recorded in Libby, Montana from 2018 that were flagged for exclusion because their values were affected (i.e. increased) due to smoke from wildfires. The documentation contains information regarding the monitoring data "flagged" for exclusion. After review, EPA may exclude the flagged PM<sub>2.5</sub> data for purposes of air quality planning and regulation.
- 4) The Department will accept public comment regarding the both submissions for 30 days. The public comment period begins on October 18, 2019 and ends on November 17, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- 5) Interested persons may view both the 2018 PM<sub>10</sub> Exception Events Request Package and the Libby 2018 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Exceptional Events Request Package 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.
- 6) Interested parties may submit their comments concerning the proposal described above in writing to the Department by:
  - addressing them to Julie Ackerlund, 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 "JAckerlund@mt.gov."

**To be guaranteed consideration, written comments must be postmarked on or before 5:00 p.m., November 17, 2019.**