

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE

- 1) The Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is inviting public comment on the submittal of a proposed Request for Redesignation of the Columbia Falls particulate matter smaller than 10 microns (PM₁₀) nonattainment area to attainment and a proposed Columbia Falls Attainment Area Maintenance Plan. The proposal will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a revision to the Montana State Implementation Plan (SIP).

The Columbia Falls PM₁₀ nonattainment area has attained the 1987 PM₁₀ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The Department has provided a demonstration that the area has attained and will maintain compliance with the 1987 PM₁₀ NAAQS.

- 2) The Department will accept public comment for 30 days beginning on Thursday, February 21, 2019 through Saturday, March 23, 2019.
- 3) Interested persons may view the proposed submission on the Department's website at: <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/publiccomment> or may call the Department at 444-3490 to have copies made available for their inspection.
- 4) Interested parties may submit their comments concerning the proposal described above in writing to the Department by
 - addressing them to Liz Ulrich, MT DEQ, 1520 E 6th Avenue, Helena, MT 59620-0901;
 - faxing them to 406-444-1499; or
 - sending them via email addressed to EUlrich2@mt.gov.

To be guaranteed consideration, written comments must be postmarked on or before 5 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2019.