

April 23, 2020

Tracy Campbell, Regulatory Compliance Manager
Stormwater Utility
City of Missoula
435 Ryman St.
Missoula, MT 59802-4297

RE: City of Missoula MS4 Permit Compliance amid COVID - 19 (Permit No. MTR040007)

Dear Ms. Campbell,

Thank you for your letter communicating the challenges the City of Missoula Stormwater Utility is encountering due to the COVID-19 public health response as it relates to compliance with your MS4 Permit. DEQ appreciates you notifying us of the status of permit compliance activities that have been impacted.

DEQ acknowledges you are not able to fulfill the requirements of minimum control measures (MCMs) four and five; specifically construction and post- construction site storm water inspections, due to the COVID-19 public health response; and that MCMs one and two for public education and involvement have also been cancelled or postponed. DEQ encourages you to consider alternative means to fulfill the requirements of the MCMs during the timeframes physical and social distancing protocols are recommended. Please document your efforts and provide updates with annual reports. If the City of Missoula cannot fulfill the requirements after evaluating alternative options, please be sure to document the evaluation along with supporting rationale and include that information in annual reports.

Continue to report any instance of noncompliance to DEQ. DEQ will consider the efforts taken to remain in compliance during the COVID-19 public health response, in addition to compliance history to make a compliance determination at a later date. If you have concerns, questions or require compliance assistance, please contact me at (406) 444-0917 or email at ryan.weiss@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Ryan Weiss
Compliance, Training & Technical Assistance Supervisor

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