

**Montana Power Company Manufactured Gas Plant – Helena CECRA Facility
April 8, 2020 – Summary**

DEQ's project officer for the Montana Power Company Manufactured Gas Plant – Helena CECRA Facility, Heather Foslund, received an email from Northwestern Energy's project manager, Ben Sorensen, on April 7, 2020 stating that "Due to the work restrictions brought about by the pandemic, we are going to postpone the confirmation drilling and well installation that was scheduled to begin April 22, 2020. We will proceed with the work once the restrictions are lifted to an extent that will allow the drilling and sampling crews to safely conduct the work."

The work Mr. Sorensen was referring to includes drilling of soil borings and three new monitoring wells with an out-of-state roto-sonic drill rig and sampling of soils, which requires multiple field personnel and at least two weeks of field time. Given the fact that the site has active operations (it contains office buildings and is a Northwestern Energy service center), the drilling crew would be coming from out of state, and the Governor's directives, it seemed to be appropriate to postpone. Therefore, DEQ's project officer responded on April 8, 2020 stating: "Thank you for letting DEQ know about postponing the work scheduled for April 22nd. Please keep us informed of any new developments with future field work as this situation is rapidly changing."

* Summary provided because the request for postponement of work was in a lengthy email chain regarding routine project correspondence that could be provided if requested.