Section 76-4-129, Montana Code Annotated (MCA), provides that this Subdivision Review Joint Application Form may be used to apply for Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approval of subdivisions under the Sanitation in Subdivision laws and for subdivision approval by local governments under the Subdivision and Platting Act. The form replaces DEQ Form E.S. 91 and local preliminary plat approval forms. Landowners thus are relieved from the burden of providing similar information on different forms under two separate laws. Please consult with your local planning board, health department, or DEQ regarding the proper submittal of this application and supporting materials.

A. When applying for subdivision review by the planning board and local governing body, the following parts of this form must be completed and submitted to the governing body or its designated agent.

1. Part I must be completed for all subdivisions required to be reviewed and approved by the local governing body.

2. Parts I, II, and III must be completed for all subdivisions for which local subdivision regulations require submittal of an environmental assessment.

B. When applying for review of subdivisions by DEQ, Parts I and II of this form must be completed and submitted to DEQ. If the proposed subdivision is located in a county contracted to perform the review of subdivisions, the application must be submitted to the local health department.

C. When applying for concurrent review of the subdivision by the local governing body and by DEQ, the following parts of this form must be completed and submitted to the local governing body or its designated agent, or to DEQ:

1. Parts I and II must be completed for all subdivisions for which concurrent review is requested.

2. Parts I, II and III must be completed for all subdivisions for which local subdivision regulations require submittal of an environmental assessment.

D. As required by the Element Review portion of the Joint Application, the applicant must complete Part IV - Subdivision Checklist and submit the checklist with Part I and the information required by Part II. The checklist identifies the application items (with references to applicable rules and technical circulars) that are typically required by the reviewing authority. Depending on the technical complexity of the proposed subdivision, the checklist may not necessarily identify all of the required application items. However, it does provide general guidance to assist the applicant in preparing a more complete application so as to expedite the review/approval process by the reviewing authority.

Copies of this Joint Application Form are available from:

- Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division;
- Montana Department of Commerce, Economic and Community Development Division;
- Local health departments and sanitarians; and
- Local planning offices.