

APPLICATION FOR SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ)

In accordance with ARM 17.30.706 any person proposing an activity which may cause degradation of water quality is responsible for compliance with 75-5-303, MCA. A person may either make a determination for themselves using the standards contained in ARM 17.30.715 and 17.30.716, that the proposed activity will not cause significant changes in water quality as defined in ARM 17.30.705; or complete the following requested information and submit it to the department to make a determination. If the proposed activity will be reviewed by the department as part of a permit or subdivision review, or another evaluation, submittal of this application is not necessary.

APPLICANT INFORMATION	Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ Telephone: _____
PROPOSED ACTIVITY LOCATION INFORMATION	County: _____ Township: _____ N or S Range _____ E or W Section: _____ Tract: 1/4 Sec. _____ 1/4 Sec. _____ 1/4 Sec. _____

Description of proposed activity: _____

Description of the receiving water: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information that addresses the items listed below must be submitted along with this form. The level of detail necessary to address these items will vary depending upon the complexity of the proposed project. Contact the department at (406)444-5310 for additional guidance.

1. Quantity and concentration of the parameters expected to change in the receiving water as a result of the proposed activity.
2. The length of time that the water quality is expected to change.
3. The character of the discharge, including quantity and quality data.
4. An analysis of the existing water quality of the receiving water, and any other downstream or downgradient waters which may reasonably be expected to be impacted, including natural variations and fluctuations in the parameter(s) which may change as a result of the proposed activity.
5. Proposed water quality protection practices that will be fully implemented to maintain water quality.

The department will notify the applicant if an application is incomplete and will identify the additional information necessary to complete the application. The department will review the application and make a determination whether the proposed change in water quality is nonsignificant according to ARM 17.30.715 or 17.30.716 within 60 days after receipt of a completed application.

Applicant Signature _____	Date _____
Sign the completed form and send with requested information to: Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Permitting and Compliance Division 1520 E. Sixth Ave. P.O. Box 200901 Helena, MT 59620-0901	(For Department use only) Date Received: _____ Assigned To: _____