



**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-20-20  
DECEMBER 14, 2020**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheet, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

APPLICANT: Town of Wibaux

FACILITY NAME: Wibaux Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: 94 Sewage Disposal Access Road  
Wibaux, MT 59353 - Wibaux County  
46.994722° N, 104.185278° W

RECEIVING WATER: Beaver Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020516

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Town of Wibaux Wastewater Treatment Facility, a minor publicly owned treatment works which discharges into Beaver Creek. The WWTF serves the Town of Wibaux with a current population of approximately 600 people. The WWTF consists of a four-cell partially aerated lagoon system with an estimated average design flow of 0.04 million gallons per day (mgd), constructed in 1972 and last updated in 2011. Discharge from the facility is intermittent, occurring approximately once a year, sometime between August and November.

The facility is not a new or increased source and does not trigger nondegradation review. DEQ is proposing to update Total Suspended Solids (TSS), oil and grease, and total ammonia effluent limitations in this permit. The monitoring frequencies have changed for the following parameters: oil and grease, total ammonia, flow, 5-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>) percent removal, TSS percent removal, pH, *E. Coli*, nitrate plus nitrite, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, total nitrogen, total phosphorus, and ambient parameters. All other permit limitations are carried forward from the 2012-issued permit.

APPLICANT NAME: Hinsdale County Water and Sewer

FACILITY NAME: Hinsdale County Water and Sewer Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: 446 Ohio Street  
Hinsdale, MT 59241  
Valley County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Milk River, 48.39658, -107.0831

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020656

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Hinsdale County Water and Sewer Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). The WWTF is a minor owned publicly owned treatment works which discharges into Milk River. The facility operates an activated sludge extended aeration package wastewater treatment facility with ultraviolet light disinfection and an average daily design flow of 0.03 million gallons per day.

The facility is not a new or increased source and does not trigger nondegradation requirements. Permit limits are carried forward from the 2012-issued permit. The proposed permit removes monitoring requirements for cadmium, copper, and zinc, as well as the effluent limit for nitrate + nitrite, and reduces total nitrogen and total phosphorus monitoring from year-round to seasonal (July, August, September). In addition, a visual monitoring requirement for oil sheen presence will be added in the permit. This permit and fact sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS JANUARY 15, 2021.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS JANUARY 15, 2021,** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

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The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-5546 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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