



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-16-16
June 27, 2016

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice and hold a public hearing on the issuance of this permit. This permit is being 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 a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau address or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Montana Artesian Water Company
1085 Egan Slough Road
Kalispell, MT 59901

FACILITY NAME: Montana Artesian Water Company

FACILITY LOCATION: 1085 Egan Slough Road
Kalispell, MT 59901

RECEIVING WATER: Unnamed Tributary to Flathead River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0031861

Montana Artesian Water Company has applied for an MPDES permit to discharge effluent from a drinking water bottling facility. Water will be drawn from an onsite, artesian, public water supply well and used for two primary purposes that result in a discharge of effluent:

1. Non-contact heating water, which is an enclosed heating system. Water flow rate through the heating system is expected to be variable depending upon the heating needs of the facility at a given time with a maximum discharge rate of 60 gallons per minute (gpm). This water does not come into contact with any process or product and is discharged to an unnamed tributary to the Flathead River (receiving water) via a pipe (Outfall 001).
2. Drinking water bottle rinsate, which is the water used to rinse the drinking water bottles, as a cleaning step, prior to the bottles being filled with drinking water. This rinsate water would

be discharged to the receiving water via a second pipe (Outfall 002). Discharge flow from the rinsing process through outfall 002 is expected to be a maximum of 5 gpm. The projected rinsate water quality is shown in Table 1 of the permit fact sheet.

A nondegradation analysis was performed in development of the proposed permit and appropriate requirements have been included in the proposed permit to prevent significant changes in the receiving water quality.

A public hearing will be held on August 1, 2016. During the public hearing DEQ will record public comments on the MPDES permit. The permit regulates the discharge of wastewater from the bottling facility into state waters. DEQ is not the regulatory agency responsible for water rights and the MPDES permit does not grant a water right. The public hearing is scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM on August 1, 2016, in the Creston School gymnasium located at 4495 Montana Highway 35, Kalispell, Montana.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS August 5, 2016. 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 August 5, 2016 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.

A public hearing will be held on the draft wastewater discharge permit, the fact sheet, environmental assessment, and the Department's tentative determination on Monday, August 1st 6:00 pm at Creston School located at 4495 Montana Highway 35 Kalispell, MT.

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) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The administrative record, including the permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government. Persons needing an accommodation must notify Jenna Stamper no later than **July 18, 2016**, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can call Jenna at 444-3080 or write to her at the address noted to make your request known.