



## EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-16-16

### 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 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](http://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

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is extending the public comment period for the draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment for the Montana Artesian Water Company. This MPDES permit was originally noticed June 27, 2016, through August 5, 2016. Due to a publishing error the wrong fact sheet was posted on the DEQ website for approximately one week from July 15, 2016, to July 20, 2016. To ensure that all of the relevant documents are available for public review and comment for the full 30-day comment period. DEQ is extending the public comment period until **August 15, 2016** providing the public an additional 10 days to comment on the draft MPDES permit.

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:

Steve Bullock, Governor | Tom Livers, Director | P.O. Box 200901 | Helena, MT 59620-0901 | (406) 444-2544 | [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov)

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.

Please note the public hearing is *not* rescheduled. **The public hearing will be held on August 1, 2016.** During the public hearing DEQ will record public comments on the MPDES permit. 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 15, 2016. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS August 15, 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](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

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.

**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-16-16**