



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-17-02
February 13, 2017

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. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 et seq., Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). 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 or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Missoula County Public Schools

FACILITY NAME: Educational Meat Processing Facility
Missoula County Public Schools Vo-Ag Center

FACILITY LOCATION: Latitude: 46.845318°, Longitude: -114.069579°
Section 36, Township 13 North, Range 20 West
Missoula County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000237

A determination has been made by DEQ to issue a new Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit to Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) for the proposed wastewater discharge associated with the Vocational-Agricultural (Vo-Ag) Meat Processing Facility. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. The scope of this permitting action is for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed wastewater treatment and disposal system.

The MCPS Vo-Ag Complex is an existing public educational facility located near the City of Missoula. MCPS plans on constructing and operating an Educational Meat Processing Facility within the Vo-Ag Complex. The facility will have limited capacity and be used solely for educational purposes.

DEQ has established permit conditions that require the permittee to establish and maintain Standard

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Operating Procedures (SOPs) in use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent butcher and meat processing wastes from entering into the wastewater collection system. These practices and procedures will assist with the school's current plan to collect and recycle or compost wastes collected from meat processing.

The facility will have multiple sinks and floor drains which will capture wash-down water and rinsate. These are the only sources of wastewater as toilets and showers have not been proposed. Collected wash-down water will flow through a grease interceptor then into a conventional septic tank and then be disposed of through an on-site subsurface drainfield (Outfall 001). The discharge structure's proposed location is: Latitude: 46.845318°; Longitude: -114.069579°; Section 36, Township 13 North, Range 20 West; Missoula County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS March 15, 2017.**

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 March 15, 2017** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail 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 17.30.1024).

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 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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