

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-17-17
August 14, 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); 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 or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT NAME: Town of Bridger
180 South D Street
Bridger, MT

FACILITY NAME: Bridger Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: 68 East Bridger Rd Bridger, MT, Carbon County,
45°17'43.00" N, 108°54'00.91" W

RECEIVING WATER: Clark Fork Yellowstone River

PERMIT NUMBER MT0020303

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater to Clark Fork Yellowstone River. The Town of Bridger operates a two-cell aerated/facultative lagoon system with an average daily design flow of 0.124 million gallons per day (mgd), constructed as an upgrade in 1990 with ultraviolet (UV) disinfection installed in 2014. The proposed permit will (1) maintain treatment equivalent to secondary standards for five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅), alternative state requirements for total suspended solids (TSS), and national secondary standards for pH; (2) maintain existing limits on *E. coli* bacteria, total nitrogen, total phosphorus, and ammonia; and (3) remove limits for oil and grease and total residual chlorine. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring and reporting of discharge quality and quantity and periodic monitoring and reporting of upstream ambient water quality. This permit and fact sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 13, 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 September 13, 2017 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.

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).

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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