



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-17-19
August 28, 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: The O.T. Mining Corporation

FACILITY NAME: O.T. Mining – Basin Mill

FACILITY LOCATION: The Basin Mill is located just east of the town of Basin

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000014

A determination has been made by DEQ to reissue a Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000014, to The O.T. Mining Corporation for the existing O.T. Mining – Basin Mill facility. This permitting action reauthorizes placement of tailings slurry into the existing on-site tailings impoundment. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation and maintenance of the tailings slurry distribution system and tailings impoundment.

The Basin Mill is located in the Basin mining district which was first discovered in the 1860s with extensive mining and milling occurring in the area into the late 1950s. Basin Mill is used for ore mined from small hard rock mining operations. This may include ore from the O.T. Mining Corporation's Ruby mine and/or ore from local gold-silver-lead mines in the Basin area. The milling process results in the generation of rock tailings slurry which is deposited into the tailings impoundment.

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The proposed renewed permit reestablishes:

- Facility operations monitoring,
- Erosion monitoring and mitigation,
- Ground water monitoring,
- Ground water compliance limits, and,
- Reclamation requirements.

The facility is located: Latitude: 46.27111°; Longitude: -112.25641; Section 17, Township 06 North, Range 05 West; Jefferson County.

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Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 27, 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 27, 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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