



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-17-21
October 10, 2017

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are 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); ARM 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheets, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Saddleback Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc.

FACILITY NAME: Saddleback Ridge Water Treatment System

FACILITY LOCATION: The facility is located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Laurel within the Saddleback Ridge Estates Subdivision.

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class III Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000143

A determination has been made by DEQ to reissue a Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit to Saddleback Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc. for the existing Saddleback Ridge Water Treatment System. This permitting action reauthorizes discharge of reject water generated from a community reverse osmosis drinking water treatment plant. The wastewater is discharged to Class III ground water which is not high quality state water. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation and maintenance of the water treatment and disposal system.

The facility currently utilizes an existing infiltration pit for wastewater disposal (Outfall 001). The discharge structure location is: Southeast of Section 06, Township 02 South, Range 24 East; Latitude: 45.68724° North; Longitude: 108.80771° West; Yellowstone County.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: Town of Chester
PO Box 644
Chester, MT 59522

FACILITY NAME: Chester Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: 48.50078 N, -110.96181 W, Chester, MT, Liberty County

RECEIVING WATER: Cottonwood Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020338

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater to Cottonwood Creek. The Town of Chester operates a 1984-constructed three-cell facultative lagoon system with intermittent discharge and an average daily design flow of 0.168 million gallons per day (mgd). The proposed permit will maintain treatment equivalent to secondary standards for five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅) and total suspended solids (TSS) as well as national secondary standards for pH. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring and reporting of discharge quality. This permit and fact sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS November 8, 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 November 8, 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 and 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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