



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-18-03
February 12, 2018

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 INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Paleo Search, Inc.

FACILITY NAME: Paleo Search, Inc. Suction Dredge Project

FACILITY LOCATION: Two dredges docked on Hauser Lake, ½ mile below Canyon Ferry Dam. (Latitude 46.65327, Longitude 111.73405)

RECEIVING WATER: Hauser Lake

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0025020

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Paleo Search, Inc. Suction Dredge Project. The facility consists of two suction dredges, and is a major privately-owned treatment works which discharges into Hauser Lake. The facility was originally operated in 1973 and has an average daily flow of 0.67cfs.

The facility is not a new or increased source. DEQ is proposing to retain the effluent limits in the previous permit. 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 March 14, 2018

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 14, 2018, 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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