



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-18-05
March 26, 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: BNSF Railway Company
2902 Billings Avenue
Billings, Montana 59101

FACILITY NAME: BNSF Whitefish Rail Yard Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: 500 Depot Street
Whitefish, MT 59937, Flathead County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Whitefish River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0000019

This Public Notice is for the renewal of Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit number MT0000019, for the BNSF Whitefish Rail Yard Wastewater Treatment Facility. The most recent renewal was effective November 1, 2009, and has been administratively extended as of April 30, 2014.

Limits are proposed for Total Suspended Solids, 5-Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand, total phosphorus, total recoverable cadmium, oil and grease, and pH. Periodic sampling of the discharge from Outfall 001 will monitor effluent compliance as well as provide additional information for future renewals.

The permit also requires BNSF-Whitefish to submit a Notice of Intent within three months for coverage under the 2018 *Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity* (MTR000000) for any other regulated storm water discharged from their Whitefish Site.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **anytime prior to close of business on May 10, 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 on May 10, 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 address mentioned above. 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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