



**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-18-22**  
**October 22, 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](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

APPLICANT: City Great Falls

FACILITY NAME: City of Great Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 1600 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Great Falls, MT 59404  
Cascade County  
47.520333 N, -111.297119 W

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 003: Missouri River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0021920

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the City of Great Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant, a major publicly owned treatment works which discharges into the Missouri River. The facility has an average daily design flow of 13.3 million gallons per day and serves a design population of 64,000.

The facility is not a new or increased source and does not trigger nondegradation review. DEQ is proposing new effluent limitations in this permit for total recoverable cyanide, total recoverable arsenic, di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, and 1,2-dichloroethane. The permit limit for total recoverable copper has been removed. The monitoring requirements for total residual chlorine and total dissolved solids will be removed, and the required monitoring frequency for oil and grease, total nitrogen, total phosphorus, ammonia, dissolved oxygen, total

recoverable metals, volatile organic compounds, acid-extractable compounds, and base neutral compounds are reduced. All other permit limitations are carried forward from the 2011-issued permit.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS November 23, 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 November 23, 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) 444-5546, 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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