



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-18-23
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

APPLICANT: City of East Helena
PO Box 1170
East Helena, MT 59635

FACILITY NAME: City of East Helena
Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 3330 Plant Drive
East Helena, MT 59635

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Prickly Pear Creek

COUNTY: Lewis and Clark

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0022560

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the City of East Helena wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The WWTP is an activated sludge facility with metals treatment and disinfection. The WWTP has an average daily design flow of 0.44 million gallons per day.

DEQ is proposing effluent limits for a variety of pollutants including pH, total suspended solids, biochemical oxygen demand, total recoverable copper, total nitrogen, and total phosphorus to protect water quality.

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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