



**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-18-26**  
**November 19, 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 INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: United States Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 208  
Fort Peck, MT 59223

FACILITY NAME: Fort Peck Project (Fort Peck dam)

FACILITY LOCATION: #1 Lower Yellowstone Road  
McCone County

RECEIVING WATER: Missouri River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0031551

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater to the Missouri River. The Fort Peck dam forms Fort Peck Lake, and the facility discharges to the Missouri River below the dam. Water is diverted from Fort Peck Lake through two tunnels into two powerhouses (Power Plant #1 and Power Plant #2) for electricity generation and cooling for moving parts and ambient air in the dam. The proposed permit will maintain pH limitations for outfalls 001, 007, and 010; maintain oil and grease limitations for outfall 010; remove oil and grease limits for outfalls 001 and 007;

and maintain temperature limitations for outfalls 002, 004, 005, 006, 012, 013, and 021. Outfalls 003 and 014 are added in this renewal, with temperature limits applied for outfall 003. Outfall 023 is removed in this renewal. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS December 20, 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 December 20, 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](mailto: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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