



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-19-01
January 14, 2019

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are 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 draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheet, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: City of Chinook

FACILITY NAME: Chinook Water Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 250 Waterworks Lane
Chinook, MT 59523

COUNTY: Blaine

RECEIVING WATER: Milk River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030473

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the City of Chinook Water Treatment Plant. The conventional plant is a minor discharger that serves approximately 1,500 people. Raw water is pumped from the Milk River and treated by in-line rapid mixing where polymers and aluminum sulfate are added. Facility wastewater consists of chlorinated backwash and filter-to-waste water, which are dechlorinated with sodium bisulfate. The final effluent flows into two settling ponds with no biological treatment before discharging an average of 0.05 million gallons per day into the Milk River.

The facility is not a new or increased source. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring and reporting of discharge quality. This permit and fact sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: Town of Winifred
FACILITY NAME: Town of Winifred Wastewater Treatment Facility
FACILITY LOCATION: T21N, R18E, Section 26
COUNTY: Fergus
RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Conveyance to Dog Creek
PERMIT NUMBER: MT0031453

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Town of Winifred Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). The WWTF serves the Town of Winifred with a current population of approximately 205 people. It is a single-celled facultative lagoon completed in 1961 with 2.5 acres in surface area and a volume of approximately 4.1 million gallons. The design flow of the facility is unknown. Discharge since the 2012-permit has been intermittent, last reported in 2017, to a 200-yard-long conveyance to Dog Creek.

The facility is not a new or increased source. In this permit, technology-based effluent limits for total suspended solids and 5-day biochemical oxygen demand are set at National Secondary Standards. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring and reporting of discharge quality. This permit and fact sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS February 14, 2019. 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 February 14, 2019, 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.