



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-19-02
January 28, 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 NAME: Town of Stevensville

FACILITY NAME: Stevensville Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 157 Sewer Works Rd
Stevensville, MT 59870

COUNTY: Ravalli

RECEIVING WATER: Intermittent side channel of Bitterroot River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0022713

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Town of Stevensville Wastewater Treatment Plant. The oxidation ditch activated sludge mechanical treatment plant is a minor publicly owned treatment works serving approximately 1,900 people. Primary separation is incorporated, followed by secondary treatment and ultraviolet disinfection. The design flow for the facility is 0.30 million gallons per day (mgd) with average daily flows of 0.23 mgd continuous discharge to an intermittent side channel of the Bitterroot River.

Since construction from a facultative lagoon to a mechanical plant in 1978, the facility has undergone several upgrades. However, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS February 27, 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 27, 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) 444-5546 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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