



**EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-19-08  
April 9, 2019**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is extending the public comment period for the draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit and fact sheet, for Tintina Montana, Inc.'s Black Butte Copper Project. DEQ is extending the public comment period until **May 28, 2019**, providing the public an additional **18** days to comment on the draft MPDES permit.

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) intends to issue a new Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit to the facility listed below and hold public hearings on the draft permit. This permit is issued by DEQ 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. Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on DEQ's website, [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Tintina Montana, Inc.  
PO Box 431  
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645

FACILITY NAME: Black Butte Copper Project

FACILITY and OUTFALL LOCATION: Approximately 20 miles north of White Sulphur Springs in Meagher County, Montana

RECEIVING WATER: Alluvial Ground Water, Sheep Creek, Coon Creek, Brush Creek, Little Sheep Creek, and an unnamed ephemeral tributary to Little Sheep Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0031909

DEQ proposes to issue a new Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for the Black Butte Copper Project. Tintina Montana, Inc. is the owner and operator of the proposed underground copper mine located near White Sulphur Springs, Montana.

In the draft MPDES permit, DEQ proposes effluent limits, monitoring requirements, and special conditions developed specifically for the proposed copper mine to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving water bodies. Outfall 001 proposes to discharge mine drainage and process wastewater. Outfalls 002 through 014 propose to discharge storm water.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS May 28, 2019. Comments may be directed to DEQ's Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All significant comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS May 28, 2019, will be considered in formulating the final permit.

If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail DEQ at [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

**The public will have four additional opportunities to provide comments on the draft MPDES permit. Two public meetings which include a formal public hearing will be held on:**

- **April 29, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Park High School located at 102 View Vista Drive, Livingston, MT and;**
- **April 30, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at White Sulphur Springs High School located at 405 S Central Ave, White Sulphur Springs, MT.**

**DEQ is also hosting two webinars on May 1, 2019, and May 2, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Signup instructions will be posted here <http://deq.mt.gov/Land/hardrock/tintinamines>; please check the webpage for more detail.**

DEQ will respond to all significant comments and issue a final decision as soon as possible after the close of the public comment period. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-5546 or by writing DEQ at the address above. The administrative record, including the permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government. Persons needing an accommodation must notify Water Protection Bureau no later than **April 15, 2019**, to allow adequate time to make arrangements.

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