



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-19-15

July 1, 2019

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 INFORMATION

APPLICANT: ExxonMobil Corporation

FACILITY NAME: ExxonMobil - Billings Refinery

FACILITY LOCATION: 700 ExxonMobil Road, Billings, MT
Yellowstone County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 004: Diffuser to Yellowstone River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0000477

DEQ is proposing a major modification for the MPDES permit MT0000477 for the ExxonMobil Billings Refinery. The permit modification includes the proposed installation of a single-port diffuser (Outfall 004) as an option to discharge treated refinery wastewater into the Yellowstone River. ExxonMobil will be allowed to discharge this wastewater from only one outfall at a time (001, 003, or 004).

ExxonMobil provided a mixing zone study as part of their request for a source-specific mixing zone for ammonia, selenium, and hydrogen sulfide. DEQ found no Reasonable Potential for discharge from the proposed diffuser to cause or contribute to an exceedance of a standard for any of these parameters. The draft permit includes an effluent limit table containing the same limits as those for Outfall 003 and a monitoring table containing the same monitoring requirements as the other two outfalls.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS August 1, 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 August 1, 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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