

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-19-23
December 2, 2019

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) intention to issue a General Permit as described in this notice. This permit is issued by the 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. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the permit category below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on DEQ's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT INFORMATION

PERMIT/CATEGORY: General Permit; Petroleum Cleanup

GEOGRAPHIC REGION: Statewide

FACILITIES: Petroleum Cleanup sites

RECEIVING WATERS: State Surface Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTG790000

The General Permit allows petroleum cleanup operations originating from corrective actions involving the cleanup of gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, jet fuel, heating oil, other petroleum products, or the cleanup of sites related to the transportation of these materials (including pipelines), to discharge to state waters. Wastewater from petroleum cleanup corrective actions may include surface and/or ground water resulting from excavation activity, remediation activity, surface and/or ground water contaminated by spills, or ground water resulting from pumping and/or monitoring aquifers. The renewal of this General Permit will continue to provide protection of state waters through effluent limitations and required monitoring for pollutants of concern. The renewal is for a five-year cycle.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 2, 2020**. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 2, 2020** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail DEQ at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov

A public hearing will be held on the draft general permit, fact sheet, environmental assessment, and DEQ's tentative determination on January 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in DEQ's Lee Metcalf Building, Room 111 at 1520 E. Sixth Ave, Helena, MT.

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 Haley Sir no later than December 26, 2019, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can call Haley at (406) 444-4626 or write to the address noted to make your request known.

DEQ will respond to all significant 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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