



**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-19-24  
December 2, 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); ARM 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS); 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 sheets, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

APPLICANT NAME: **Montana Rail Link, Inc.**

FACILITY NAME: **Montana Rail Link Wastewater Treatment Plan**

FACILITY LOCATION: **704 East Gallatin Street  
Livingston, Montana**

RECEIVING WATER: **Outfall 001: Yellowstone River**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0000388**

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Montana Rail Link Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The WWTP is a minor privately-owned treatment works which discharges into the Yellowstone River. The facility is a batch treatment system with a maximum daily flow rate of 0.108 million gallon per day (mgd).

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: **Jefferson Local Development Corporation**

FACILITY NAME: **Sunlight Business Park**

FACILITY LOCATION: **Whitehall, Montana**

RECEIVING WATER: **Outfall 001: Class III Ground Water**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MTX000192**

A determination has been made by DEQ to reissue a Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000192, to Jefferson Local Development Corporation for the Sunlight Business Park wastewater treatment facility. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation, and maintenance of the proposed wastewater treatment and disposal system.

MTX000192 allows the continued operation of the Sunlight Business Park facility for the treatment of domestic in nature wastewater. The facility has a current permit for operation that expires in 2019. The business park has 53 commercial lots (non-industrial) to be developed in four phases. Currently the treatment system serves Phase I.

The applicant proposes to operate a treatment and discharge facility for the Sunlight Business Park. The wastewater generated by the Sunlight Business Park will undergo treatment and on-site disposal. Wastewater treatment may include use of Level II Advantex AX100 pods (or similar). DEQ recognizes that in comparison to conventional septic treatment, the proposed treatment system may provide a higher level of treatment for nutrients.

The proposed facility will use subsurface structures (Outfall 001) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The discharge structure's proposed location is: Section 31 and 32, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Jefferson County, Latitude: 45.87844 Longitude: -112.01012.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 2, 2020 **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 January 2, 2020 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](mailto: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 and 17.30.1024).

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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