



**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-19-25**  
**November 18, 2019**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

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 a public hearing 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:** **Western Energy Company**  
**Castle Rock Road**  
**Colstrip, MT 59323**

**FACILITY NAME:** **Rosebud Mine Area F**

**FACILITY LOCATION:** **Castle Rock Road**  
**Rosebud County**

**RECEIVING WATER:** **Black Hank Creek and unnamed ephemeral tributaries to Black Hank Creek; Donley Creek and unnamed ephemeral tributaries to Donley Creek; Robbie Creek and unnamed ephemeral tributaries to Robbie Creek; McClure Creek and unnamed ephemeral tributaries to McClure Creek; and an unnamed ephemeral tributary to Trail Creek.**

**PERMIT NUMBER:** **MT0031828**

DEQ proposes to issue a MPDES permit for the Rosebud Mine Area F project. In the draft MPDES permit, DEQ proposes effluent limits, monitoring requirements, and special conditions at each outfall developed specifically for the proposed coal mine to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving water bodies. Treatment consists of a series of settling ponds designed to contain the runoff from a minimum 10-year, 24-hour precipitation event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS December 20, 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 December 20, 2019, 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 [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

**A public hearing will be held on December 19, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Colstrip City Council Chambers located in Colstrip, MT.**

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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