



April 4, 2016

Subject: Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards

Dear Interested Party,

On June 3, 2016, the Board of Environmental Review (Board) will hold a public hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 111 of the Metcalf Building at 1520 E 6th Avenue, Helena, Montana. The purpose of the public hearing is for the Board to solicit comment from all interested persons on any aspect of Montana's water quality standards that a person believes the board should consider for potential revision.

Montana's water quality standards include the Administrative Rules of Montana Title 17, Chapter 30, subchapters 5 (mixing zones), 6 (water quality standards), 7 (nondegradation), and 10 (groundwater protection), and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Circulars DEQ-7 and DEQ-12. Also included is Montana's compliance schedule authorizing provision at ARM 17.30.1350. Comments should identify the water quality standard at issue, any suggested revision to the standard, and the basis for the suggested revision, including technical information.

You are invited to submit data, views, or arguments concerning water quality standards either orally or in writing at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to: Amy Steinmetz, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana, 59620-0901; telephone (406) 444-0371; fax (406) 444-6836; or email: asteinmetz@mt.gov Comments may also be submitted on the DEQ website at: <http://comment.cwaic.mt.gov/commentpage.aspx?cmntkey=tD1bnMl6Pu> Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., June 3, 2016.

The Board will make reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in this hearing or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact Amy Steinmetz at DEQ no later than 5:00 p.m. May 25, 2016, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation.

At some point in the past, you have made a request of DEQ to be notified of any proposed changes to rules related to water quality. This letter is in response to that request. If you wish not to receive hard copies of water quality standards mailings in the future, your request must be made in writing. Please submit requests to Amy Steinmetz.

We thank you for your interest in Montana's water quality standards.

Sincerely,

Myla Kelly
Water Quality Standards Section Supervisor