Beaverhead Metals TMDLs Public Comment and Public Meeting Notice

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comments on the draft "Beaverhead Metals TMDLs," plan and will hold a public meeting on **Aug. 4, 2020 at 5 p.m.** to provide information about the document and answer questions.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom, an online teleconferencing platform. Click on or type this link into your web browser's address bar to join the meeting: https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/95133308741 (please join 15 minutes early). A call-in option is also available by dialing (406) 444-9999 and Meeting ID# 951 3330 8741. If you wish to join by phone, you may follow-along with the presentation that will be given by downloading it from the project's website at: http://mtwaterqualityprojects.pbworks.com. A recording of the meeting will be available after the meeting, at the same link.

The document provides total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) to help address water quality problems related to metals levels in nine stream segments in the Beaverhead watershed. The document also includes strategies for reducing pollution levels to meet Montana's surface water quality standards, and is available on the DEQ website at: http://deq.mt.gov/Public/publiccomment. The document may also be viewed via the public computer at the Dillon Public Library in Dillon. Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Aug. 21, 2020, and may be mailed to: DEQ, Water Quality Planning Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620, or submitted electronically at: http://comment.cwaic.mt.gov/. For more information, please contact: Eric Trum at (406) 444-0531 or etrum@mt.gov.