

DEQ Seeks Public Comment on Colstrip Steam Electric Station

(Colstrip) The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold a public meeting on Monday, July 15, 2013, to take public comment on the Colstrip Units 1&2 Stage I and II Evaporation Ponds Site Report as required by the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) regarding the waste water facilities at the Colstrip Steam Electric Station operated by PPL Montana, LLC, at Colstrip, Mont.

The purpose of the Units 1&2 Stage I and II Evaporation Ponds Site Report is to provide a characterization of the area by describing the ponds in the area and their contents, identifying any releases that have occurred, describing the investigations and remedial actions that have been taken, identifying any data gaps, and providing recommendations for any additional site characterization that may be required. The AOC provides a mandatory procedure for the investigation and remediation related to the wastewater facilities at the Colstrip facilities, including a public participation component.

The public meeting will be held at the Colstrip City Hall, 12 Cherry St., Colstrip, Mont., and begin at 7 p.m. Copies of the Units 1&2 Stage I and II Evaporation Ponds Site Report are available at DEQ's office at 1520 E. 6th Ave., Helena, Mont.; PPL Montana's office at 303 N. Broadway, Suite 400, in Billings, Mont.; the Bicentennial Library, 419 Willow Ave., Colstrip, Mont.; or electronically at [Colstrip Reports](#).

The public may also submit written comments to the DEQ on the Units 1&2 Stage I and II Evaporation Ponds Site Report. The 30-day public comment period will be from June 25, 2013 through July 25, 2013. Written comments must be sent by July 25, 2013, to Jake Kandelin, DEQ – Environmental Management Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or electronically to DEQColstrip@mt.gov.

The DEQ will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the public meeting. If you require an accommodation, please contact Jake Kandelin at (406) 444-6797 or jkandelin@mt.gov at least three days before the meeting.

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