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RE: Notice of Scoping Meeting for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for an application submitted by Michael and Magdalena Adkins for Solid Waste Management System license for a new Class III monofill for the disposal of waste tires

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the Thursday editions' legal notice section of your newspaper on May 9, May 16, May 23, and May 30, 2019.

#### Legal Notice

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold a public scoping meeting to receive comments from federal, tribal, state and local governments and the public regarding the application for a new Class III monofill for the disposal of waste tires proposed by Michael and Magdalena Adkins. The proposed application for a Solid Waste Management System license would be for the construction and operations of a monofill for the disposal of waste tires, and the proposed facility would encompass about 11.7 acres. The site is located just south of Montana Highway 540 (East River Road) approximately 1.75 miles north of Pray, in the N ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 18, T5S, R9E, Park County, Montana. The proposed tire monofill would thus be developed in two distinct phases with a total waste tire capacity of 700,000 cubic yards (approximately 280,000 tons) and an estimated operating life of 20 years.

DEQ is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) that will analyze the potential impacts of the proposed application.

The first phase in preparing an EIS is to conduct "scoping" to determine the scope of the EIS. DEQ is asking the public for comments to help identify issues that are likely to involve significant impacts and possible alternatives to be considered in the EIS. The scoping period will begin Wednesday, May 8, 2019 and end Thursday, June 6, 2019.

DEQ is hosting an open house and public scoping meeting to provide the public with information on the proposed project and an opportunity to submit written and/or oral comments. The meeting will be held on May 28, 2019, from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Livingston Civic Center Gymnasium, 229 River Drive, in Livingston. The open house portion of the meeting will be from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. A presentation from DEQ regarding the EIS and permitting process will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the opportunity for the public to provide oral and/or written testimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Adkins submitted an application on June 3, 2011, for a license under the Montana Solid Waste Management Act, Title 75, chapter 10, part 2, MCA. On May 4, 2012, DEQ published its Final EA and issued a solid waste management system license to Mr. and Mrs. Adkins. The Park County District Court has ruled that DEQ's original environmental review was inadequate under MEPA and has instructed DEQ to prepare an EIS.

The permit application is available for the public to view at DEQ's main office in Helena (1520 East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue). The application may also be viewed by visiting DEQ's website ([blank](#)).

Scoping comments may be submitted at the public meeting, electronically ([AdkinsMonofilleIS@mt.gov](mailto:AdkinsMonofilleIS@mt.gov)), or by postal mail to the following address:

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Questions on the environmental review may also be directed to Mrs. Jen Lane electronically ([jlane2@mt.gov](mailto:jlane2@mt.gov)) or (406)444-4956. **Comments must be submitted to DEQ no later than June 6, 2019.**

DEQ will not accept comments that are threatening, defamatory, libelous, slanderous, or discriminatory in nature. DEQ will make reasonable accommodations for those with disabilities who wish to participate in the meeting. If you require an accommodation, please contact Jen Lane at [jlane2@mt.gov](mailto:jlane2@mt.gov) or (406)444-4956.

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To expedite payment, please ***email*** your invoice, original tear sheet, and affidavit of publication to [jlane2@mt.gov](mailto:jlane2@mt.gov).

Sincerely,

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