

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-20-15
October 19, 2020

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department 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. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheet, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: City Chinook

FACILITY NAME: Chinook Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 300 Daffy Hills Lane
Chinook, MT 59523
Blaine County
48.579694 N, 109.214167 W

RECEIVING WATER: Milk River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020125

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the city of Chinook Wastewater Treatment Plant, a minor publicly owned treatment works which discharges into the Milk River. The Chinook WWTP serves the City of Chinook with a current population of approximately 1,200 people. The WWTP is an oxidation ditch activated sludge facility with a design flow of 0.50 million gallons per day (mgd), constructed in 1984 and last upgraded in 2005.

The facility is not a new or increased source and does not trigger nondegradation review. DEQ is proposing to remove the total ammonia and nitrate plus nitrite effluent limitations in this permit. The monitoring frequency for oil and grease has been reduced. Monitoring will not be required for acute whole effluent toxicity (WET), total recoverable metals, phenols, cyanide, volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile acid-extractable compounds, and semi-volatile base neutral compounds. Ambient/upstream quarterly monitoring will be required for ammonia, nitrate plus nitrite, pH, and temperature. All other permit limitations are carried forward from the 2012-issued permit.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Forsyth Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY NAME: City of Forsyth Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: Rosebud County, 45.5546739 N, 112.3257641 W

RECEIVING WATER: Yellowstone River

OUTFALL: Outfall 001, 46.27405 N, -106.65537 W

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0021288

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) proposes to renew the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the City of Forsyth Wastewater Treatment Plant for a five-year cycle. Forsyth treats wastewater with an extended aeration, activated sludge, and oxidation ditch. The facility is classified as a minor publicly owned treatment works with a design flow of 0.54 million gallons per day.

DEQ is proposing to carry forward the 2014-permit limits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 20, 2020. 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 NOVEMBER 20, 2020, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

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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