

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-08 April 19, 2021

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: REC Advanced Silicon Materials, LLC

FACILITY NAME: REC Silicon

FACILITY LOCATION: Township 3N, Range 9W, Section 35, Silver Bow County

RECEIVING WATER: Sheep Gulch and Silver Bow Creek

OUTFALL: Outfall 001A to Sheep Gulch: 45.9726 N, -112.6898 W

Internal Outfall 001B to Sheep Gulch

Outfall 002 to Sheep Gulch: 45.99917 N, -112.6842 W Outfall 003 to Silver Bow Creek: 46.0041 N, -112.6934 W

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030350

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) proposes to renew the MPDES permit for the REC Advanced Silicon Materials wastewater and stormwater discharges. The receiving waters are Sheep Gulch and Silver Bow Creek. REC Silicon produces high purity poly crystalline silicon for the electronics industry by refining metallurgical grade silicon. The draft MPDES permit includes a variety of effluent limits, monitoring requirements, and other special conditions designed to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving waters.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Dawson County West Glendive

FACILITY NAME: Community of West Glendive Wastewater

Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 102 Highway 16, Glendive

Dawson County

RECEIVING WATER: Yellowstone River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0021733

The existing Community of West Glendive Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) consists of a two-cell facultative lagoon without disinfection. The West Glendive is connected the existing wastewater collection system to the new City of Glendive Water Resource and Recovery Facility (WRRF), but the permit will be renewed in case West Glendive needs to treat and discharge wastewater to the Yellowstone River again in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited <u>ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 19, 2021</u>. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked <u>PRIOR TO CLOSE</u> <u>OF BUSINESS MAY 19, 2021</u>, 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 <u>DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov</u>

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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