

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is accepting comments on reissuance of a draft hazardous waste permit to Malmstrom Air Force Base (MAFB), located in Great Falls, Montana. The permit reissuance would allow operation of a hazardous waste storage facility and require continued remediation of contaminated areas at the facility. DEQ is also soliciting comment on a draft environmental assessment (EA). The EA evaluates effects of the proposed action on the human or natural environment.

This notice informs the public of the draft hazardous waste permit and draft EA and seeks public participation in the decision-making process. During the public comment period, the public may submit written comments to DEQ. **The comment period extends from Sunday, October 2, 2022, to Wednesday, November 16, 2022.** The draft EA, draft permit, and a fact sheet are available electronically at <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/publiccomment>. The documents may also be reviewed at the DEQ Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau, Metcalf Building, 1520 E. 6th Ave, Helena, and the Great Falls Public Library, 301 2nd Ave N, Great Falls. A hard copy of the documents will be made available, if requested.

Please address written comments to: Erica Shuhler, DEQ/WUTMB, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or email to: DEQhazwaste@mt.gov with the subject line: MAFB Public Comment. Interested persons may also call Erica Shuhler at 406-444-5852, for information.

Based on the comments received, DEQ will make a final decision on whether to reissue the hazardous waste permit to MAFB. Notice of DEQ's decision will be given to each person who submitted written comments or requested a notice of the decision.