

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) intends to reissue a hazardous waste permit to the CHS Inc. Laurel Refinery (CHS) in Laurel, Montana for the post-closure care of a closed Land Treatment Unit and implementation of facility-wide corrective action. The draft permit is being issued under Title 75, Chapter 10, Part 4, of the Montana Hazardous Waste Act. An environmental assessment has been prepared for this permit reissuance in accordance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act. The environmental assessment documents all reasonable alternatives to DEQ's permit action and outlines the potential impacts to the human environment resulting from DEQ's permitting action and the reasonable alternatives.

This notice is to inform the public of the draft permit and the associated environmental assessment, and to seek their participation in the decision-making process. During the public comment period, the public may submit written comments to DEQ. The comment period will extend from June 15, 2025 through July 31, 2025. The draft permit and environmental assessment are available for examination online at <http://deq.mt.gov/public/publiccomment> or at DEQ Waste Management Bureau, 1225 Cedar Street, Helena, Montana, 59601 phone 406-444-5300. DEQ has also prepared a fact sheet describing the facility and proposed permit reissuance. The fact sheet will also be available for review at the above location.

During the public comment period, any interested person may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. If a hearing is held, DEQ will provide notice of the public hearing date at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

All written comments on the draft permit and/or draft environmental assessment should be addressed to Alexis Frost, DEQ Waste and Remediation Division, Waste Management Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or emailed to deqhazwaste@mt.gov. Interested persons may also call Alexis Frost at 406-444-1435 or email at alexis.frost@mt.gov for additional information.

Based on the comments received, DEQ will make a final decision to issue, deny, or change the draft permit. Notice will then be given to the applicant and each person who submitted written comments or requested a notice of the decision. The final permit decision shall become effective 30 days after notice of the decision unless a later date is specified in the notice. If no comments are received requesting a change in this draft permit, the final permit will become effective immediately upon issuance.

Dated June 15, 2025