

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is accepting public comments specific to new underground storage tanks to be installed near Whitefish, Montana at the proposed Town Pump Whitefish 2. This notice is a summary of the proposed project. The entire Environmental Assessment (EA) can be viewed at <http://deq.mt.gov/Land/ust/ea>.

DEQ has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) as required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (sections ARM 17.4.607(2) and ARM 17.4.609(2)). The proposed project would add six (6) new UST systems to the newly developed Town Pump Whitefish 2, located at 4825 US Hwy 40 in Whitefish, MT.

Specific installation plans include the following materials and monitoring systems: **Tank(s):** This project involves installation of the following six (6) tanks: 30,000-gallon regular unleaded gasoline, 6,000-gallon non-ethanol premium gasoline, 15,000-gallon ethanol premium gasoline, 6,000-gallon diesel # 1, 7,000-gallon off-road dyed diesel, and 20,000-gallon diesel # 2. All six tanks will be Xerxes Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic (FRP) double-walled brine filled UST systems. Each tank will be utilized by Town Pump Whitefish 2 as a petroleum re-fueling site and convenience store. **Piping:** All product piping associated with this project will be NUPI Americas Smartflex secondary contained double-walled electrofusion semi-rigid flexible pipe. Approximately 2,900 feet of double-walled NUPI Americas Smartflex piping will be utilized in this project. **Sumps:** ZCL Xerxes fiberglass tank-top sumps will be installed around each tank's submersible turbine pump. NUPI Americas HDPE under-dispenser containment sumps will be installed under each dispenser. Each tank and piping system will be continuously monitored. Monitoring will be accomplished via internal tank probes, interstitial tank sensors, as well as continuous sensor monitoring in all containment sumps and electronic line leak detection with programmed 3.0 gph shutdown rate for each of the piping runs. A Veeder Root TLS 450 plus automatic tank gauge (ATG) will continuously monitor all operational parameters.

DEQ prepared an EA to examine and disclose the impacts of the proposed action on the quality of the human and physical environment. After a ten-day public comment period, DEQ will consider and respond to the substantive comments received in response the EA and proceed with one of the following actions: a) determine that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is necessary; b) determine that the EA did not adequately reflect issues raised by the proposed action and issue a revised EA; or c) determine that further environmental analysis is not necessary and make a final decision on the proposed action with any modification deemed necessary as a result of analysis in the EA and public comment: d) determine that the EA is adequate and adopt the Draft EA as Final with response to substantive comments received.

If you care to comment on the Draft EA, please write or email the Waste Management and Remediation Division. Comments must be in writing and must be received by May 28, 2021. Our email address is dequstprogram@mt.gov and our mailing address is DEQ/UST, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901.