



**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-24-04
APRIL 29, 2024**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 et seq., Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website <https://deq.mt.gov/public/index>

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT:	Town of Manhattan
FACILITY NAME:	Manhattan Wastewater Reclamation Facility
FACILITY LOCATION:	Southeast Section 34, Township 02 North, Range 03 East Latitude: 45.87636, Longitude: -111.33329 Gallatin County
RECEIVING WATER:	Class I Ground Water
PERMIT NUMBER:	MTX000278

A determination has been made by DEQ to issue a new Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit to the Town of Manhattan for the Manhattan Wastewater Reclamation Facility. The Town currently discharges treated wastewater to surface waters under their existing Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit (MT0021857). The project as proposed will seasonally redirect the surface water discharge to the subsurface via infiltration. The subsurface discharge proposal will be covered under a new Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit (MTX000278). The vadose, aquifer, and hyporheic zones will provide for natural attenuation of nutrients.

The Town will maintain their existing MPDES permit that currently authorizes discharge to the Gallatin River via the Dita Ditch. However, the proposed project may lessen the need for

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direct discharge of nutrients to surface waters during the critical nutrient growing season in Montana.

The proposed MGWPCS permit authorizes the discharge of treated wastewater into Class I ground water. All beneficial uses of the aquifer will be maintained. The location of the newly proposed outfall is as follows:

Northeast Section 03, Township 01 North, Range 03 East

Latitude: 45.87036, Longitude: -111.33132

Gallatin County

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on May 30, 2024**. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. **All comments received or postmarked by 11:59 p.m. on May 30, 2024**, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail 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 17.30.1024).

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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