



Water Quality Division

Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) ▪ Fact Sheet

Permittee:	Montanore Minerals Corporation
Permit No.:	MT0030279
Receiving Water:	Libby Creek
Facility Information:	
Name	Montanore Mine – Libby Creek Adit
Location	T 27N, R 31W, Section 15, Lincoln County
Contact:	Martin Stearns, Vice President Montanore Minerals Corporation
Fee Information	
Number of Outfalls	Three (For Fee Determination Only)
Outfall – Type	001 – Mine drainage 002 – Mine drainage 003 – Mine drainage

I. Permit Status

Montana Minerals Corporation's (MMC) Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) MT0030279 2006-issued permit is currently administratively extended by DEQ. In 2017, DEQ issued a renewal permit that was vacated by the Supreme Court, resulting in MMC being permitted back under the 2006-issued permit.

MMC submitted a new permit application, assigned permit number MT0032158, on February 21, 2023. DEQ sent a completeness letter for the application on July 6, 2023.

II. Termination

DEQ public noticed MPDES new permit MT0032158 in Public Notice Number MT-24-11, dated November 4, 2024. The public notice states that a tentative decision has been made to issue a new MPDES permit for Montanore Minerals Corporation, and that a draft permit, fact sheet and draft environment assessment (EA) have been prepared.

When new permit MT0032158 becomes effective, it will replace MT0030279 and will provide coverage to the site. Therefore, DEQ proposes to terminate the permit number MT0030279, finding that MT0032158 will provide coverage for the Montanore Mine – Libby Creek Adit.