



**EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-24-14
December 17, 2024**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is extending the public comment period for the draft Montana Ground Water Pollution Control (MGWPCS) permit, draft environmental assessment and fact sheet for Lakeside County Water & Sewer District. DEQ is extending the public comment period until **February 10, 2025**, providing the public an additional **30-days** to comment on the draft MGWPCS permit.

Copies of the draft permit, draft environmental assessment, and fact sheet are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on DEQ's website: <https://deq.mt.gov/public/water-public>

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT:	Lakeside County Water & Sewer District
FACILITY NAME:	LCWSD Rapid Infiltration System
FACILITY LOCATION:	Wiley Dike Rd, Kalispell, MT 59901
RECEIVING WATER:	Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water Outfall 002 – Class I Ground Water Outfall 003 – Class I Ground Water
PERMIT NUMBER:	MTX000307

A determination has been made by DEQ to issue a Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000307, to Lakeside County Water and Sewer District (LCWSD) for the LCWSD Rapid Infiltration System. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. The scope of this permitting action is for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed wastewater treatment and disposal system.

The applicant proposes to build and operate a wastewater treatment plant. The wastewater generated by the county will undergo treatment and on-site disposal. Wastewater treatment may include use of advanced treatment levels with sequencing batch reactor technology with biochemical nutrient reduction (or similar). DEQ recognizes that in comparison to conventional septic treatment, the proposed treatment system provides a higher level of treatment for nutrients.

The proposed facility will use rapid infiltration basins (Outfalls 001, 002, and 003) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The facility's proposed location is: Township 27N, Range 21W, Section 11N; Flathead County; Latitude: 48.1127610° North, Longitude: -114.225111° West.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEBRUARY 10, 2025**. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS February 10, 2025**, 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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