



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-25-08
AUGUST 25, 2025

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); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. 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 NAME: Montana Department of Environmental Quality
Waste Management and Remediation Division
1225 Cedar Street
Helena, Montana 59601

FACILITY NAME: Belt Water Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 7399 US Highway 89
Belt, Montana 59412
Cascade County

RECEIVING WATER: Belt Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0032247

Montana Department of Environmental Quality Waste Management and Remediation Division (DEQ-WMR) has applied for an MPDES permit to discharge treat and discharge mine impacted water (MIW) to Belt Creek in Belt, Montana. DEQ-MWR proposes to discharge up to 165 gallons per minute of treated MIW into Belt Creek. The MIW will be treated to achieve water quality standards at the point of discharge. The permit includes effluent limitations to protect human health and the environment and the beneficial uses of the receiving waterbody.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on SEPTEMBER 25, 2025.**

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 SEPTEMBER 25, 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 17.30.1373).

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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