



**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-25-09
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a General Permit as described in this notice and to hold a public hearing on the issuance of this permit. 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 INFORMATION

PERMIT/CATEGORY: **Disinfected Water & Hydrostatic Testing General Permit**

GEOGRAPHIC REGION: **Statewide**

FACILITIES: **Disinfected Water & Hydrostatic Testing Operations**

RECEIVING WATERS: **State Surface Water**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MTG770000**

The renewal of this General Permit will continue to provide statewide general permit coverage for owners/operators of disinfected water and hydrostatic testing operations that discharge to state surface waters. The renewal is for a five-year cycle.

The General Permit allows disinfected water and hydrostatic testing operations that meet effluent limits and other conditions specified in the permit to discharge to state surface waters. The General Permit includes effluent limitations for Total Residual Chlorine (TRC), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), pH, Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylenes (total), and oil & grease and monitoring requirements for flow. In addition, the draft permit includes a requirement for erosion control through installation and maintenance of Best Management Practices.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on October 23, 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 October 23, 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

A public hearing will be held on the draft wastewater discharge permit, the fact sheet, environmental assessment, and the Department's tentative determination on October 23, 2025, at 10 AM in the Wilderness Room of the Colonial Building located at 2401 Colonial Drive in Helena, Montana.

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government. Persons needing an accommodation must notify Kristeen Wofford no later than October 15, 2025, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can call Kristeen at (406) 444-5341 or email kristeen.wofford@mt.gov.

DEQ 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 available upon request.

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