



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-26-08

August 17, 2026

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) 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 general permit described 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 www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

PERMIT CATEGORY:	General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)
GEOGRAPHIC REGION:	Eligible MS4s Located Anywhere Within the State of Montana, Except Within the Boundaries of Indian Reservations
FACILITIES:	Owners/Operators of Regulated MS4s
RECEIVING WATER:	Statewide
PERMIT NUMBER:	MTR040000

The renewal of this General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated With Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) will provide a continued permitting mechanism for small MS4s in Montana who discharge, or have the potential to discharge, stormwater into state waters. The MS4 General Permit is designed to manage stormwater runoff and protect receiving water quality. The renewal is for a five-year cycle.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and must be received by **11:59 p.m. MDT on September 17, 2026**. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. Written comments must be received electronically by 11:59 p.m. MDT on September 17, 2026, or, if submitted by mail, postmarked no later than September 17, 2026. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality

Division, Water Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. Electronic comments may be emailed to DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

A **public hearing** will be held on the draft general permit, fact sheet, environmental assessment, and DEQ's tentative determination to reissue the permit on **September 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. MDT** in the Wilderness Room of the Colonial Building located at 2401 Colonial Drive in Helena, Montana with a virtual attendance option as outlined below. Please contact Tyler Halligan at Tyler.Halligan@mt.gov or 406-444-2897 on or before September 3, 2026 for details on how to attend.

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/83037673668?pwd=Ke84lHY3xUgahIQz0Joz89trXN3xeq.1>

Join via audio: +1 206 337 9723 US

Webinar ID: 830 3767 3668

Passcode: 896878

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 Tyler Halligan no later than September 3, 2026, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can contact Tyler at Tyler.Halligan@mt.gov or write to him at the address noted above to make your request known.

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 maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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