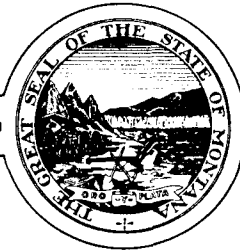


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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue and/or renew wastewater discharge permits under the authority of MCA 75-5-402 and ARM 17.30.1301 *et seq.* (Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.)

It is the Department's intention to issue (1) municipal permit. **It is also the Department's intention to hold a public hearing.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION AND DEPARTMENT'S TENTATIVE DETERMINATIONS

APPLICANT NAME: Big Sky County Water and Sewer District 363
APPLICANT ADDRESS: P.O. Box 160670, Big Sky, MT 59716
APPLICANT STATUS: New Permit
FACILITY LOCATION: Gallatin County
Section 36, T6S, R3E
PERMIT NUMBER: MT-0030384
EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2003
RECEIVING WATERS: Gallatin River

This application is for a new discharge permit for the wastewater treatment facility which serves Big Sky, Montana. The application is for the discharge of treated domestic wastewater. The wastewater treatment facility consists of an advanced nutrient removal activated sludge system to provide nutrient removal and tertiary levels of treatment followed by clarification, filtration, and storage in the existing lagoons with eventual disinfectant and disposal.

Discharge is to the Gallatin River, which is classified "B-1" by the Montana Surface Water Quality Standards. Waters classified B-1 are considered suitable for drinking, culinary and food processing purposes, after conventional treatment; bathing, swimming and recreation; growth and propagation of salmonid fishes and associated aquatic life, waterfowl and furbearers; and agricultural and industrial water supply. Degradation which will impact established beneficial uses will not be allowed. Effluent limitations will ensure that the Montana Nondegradation Rules, Montana Surface Water Quality Standards and National Secondary Treatment Standards will be met. Effluent load limits in this permit have been specified to support and define the total maximum daily loads (TMDL's) for the Gallatin River.

The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity with the reporting of results monthly. This permit and Statement of Basis will be submitted to EPA for approval of the TMDL under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. The recommended expiration date for the permit is September 30, 2003.

A public hearing will be held pursuant to ARM 17.30.1374 on Tuesday September 29, 1998 at 7:00 pm at the West Fork Meadow Fire Station, 2735 Aspen Drive, Big Sky MT 59716. If you need assistance accessing the building, please call the Big Sky Sewer District at (406) 995-2660. The public comment period has been extended and will close on Tuesday October 6, 1998.

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REGISTER OF INTERESTED PERSONS

Any person interested in a particular application, or group of applications, may submit their name, address, and telephone number to the Department for the purpose of being included on the mailing list for public notice of tentative permits. The list of names will be maintained as a means for contacting persons with an interest in MPDES permit actions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS October 6, 1998. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, Montana, 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS October 6, 1998 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits.

If no objections are received within the specified comment period, the Department will issue final determinations within sixty days of the date of this notice. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080, or by writing to the aforementioned address. The draft permit, environmental assessments, and related documents are available for review and reproduction at the aforementioned address.

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