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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-12-37
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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) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 et seq., Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, statement of basis, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: St. Francis Senior Resources, Inc.
210 Cirque Drive
Bozeman, MT 59718

FACILITY NAME: Avalon Assisted Living Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: Northeast ¼ of Section 33, Southeast ¼ of Section 28,
Township 5 South, Range 8 East, Park County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000118

This is a renewal of an existing permit for the Avalon Assisted Living Facility. A community wastewater treatment system is used to treat domestic wastewater from 16 condominium units and one assisted living facility. The facility drainfield discharges into Class I ground water via a single outfall (Outfall 001).

Wastewater from the 16 condominium units and the assisted living facility enters a series of septic tanks and then gravity flows into the pump tanks. The effluent is pumped through a 2-inch force main from the pump tanks into the recirculating tanks. The recirculating tanks have a combined capacity of 15,000 gallons. From the recirculation tanks the effluent is pumped into a recirculating sand filter. After percolating through the recirculating sand filter

the effluent is collected via 4-inch PVC drain pipes and either returned to the recirculation tank for additional treatment or directed into one of the two 2,500 gallon capacity dose tanks for discharge into the drainfield. The effluent is pressure-dosed into a two zone subsurface drainfield through a single outfall (Outfall 001) at 1,667 gallons per dose; the drainfield discharges into Class I ground water.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS August 22, 2012. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS August 22, 2012 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 David Dunbar or Barb Sharpe at WPBPublicNotices@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) 444-3080 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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