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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is extending the public comment period for the draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit and fact sheet, for Western Energy Company Rosebud Mine Area F. DEQ is extending the public comment period until **January 20, 2020**, providing the public an additional **30** days to comment on the draft MPDES permit.

Please note the public hearing is *not* rescheduled. The public hearing will be held on December 19, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Colstrip City Council Chamber located in Colstrip, MT.

DEQ intends to issue a new MPDES permit to the facility listed below and hold a public hearing on the draft permit. This permit is issued by DEQ 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. Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on DEQ's website, www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

- APPLICANT: Western Energy Company
Castle Rock Road
Colstrip, MT 59323
- FACILITY NAME: Rosebud Mine Area F
- FACILITY and OUTFALL LOCATION: Castle Rock Road
Rosebud County
- RECEIVING WATER: Black Hank Creek and unnamed ephemeral tributaries to Black Hank Creek; Donley Creek and unnamed ephemeral tributaries to Donley Creek; Robbie Creek and unnamed ephemeral tributaries to Robbie Creek; McClure Creek and unnamed ephemeral tributaries to McClure Creek; and an unnamed ephemeral tributary to Trail Creek.
- PERMIT NUMBER: MT0031828

DEQ proposes to issue a new Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for the Rosebud Mine Area F project. In the draft MPDES permit, DEQ proposes effluent limits, monitoring

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requirements, and special conditions at each outfall developed specifically for the proposed coal mine to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving water bodies. Treatment consists of a series of settling ponds designed to contain the runoff from a minimum 10-year, 24-hour precipitation event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 20, 2020. Comments may be directed to DEQ's Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All significant comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 20, 2020, will be considered in formulating the final permit.

If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail DEQ at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

A public hearing will be held on December 19, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Colstrip City Council Chambers located in Colstrip, MT.

DEQ will respond to all significant comments and issue a final decision as soon as possible after the close of the public comment period. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-5546 or by writing DEQ at the address above. The administrative record, including the permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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 Water Protection Bureau no later than **December 16, 2019**, to allow adequate time to make arrangements.

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