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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-18-01
February 12, 2018

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); 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 www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Bigfork County Water and Sewer District
108 Harbor Heights Boulevard
Bigfork, MT 59911

FACILITY NAME: Bigfork Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 108 Harbor Heights Boulevard
Bigfork, MT 59911
48°03'35" N, 114°14'45" W

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Flathead Lake

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020397

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Bigfork wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The WWTP is a major publicly owned treatment works, which was upgraded to an MBR advanced treatment facility in 2012. The WWTP has an average daily design flow of 0.69 million gallons per day for a design population of 8,100 in the winter and 6,500 in the summer. Current population served is 2,415 in the winter and 3,360 in the summer.

The following changes are included in the proposed permit:

- 1) Monitoring for the following parameters has been removed: antimony, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, lead, nickel, selenium, silver, and zinc;
- 2) WET testing has been increased to quarterly.
- 3) Ambient monitoring for aluminum and mercury in the Swan River is included in this permit renewal;
- 4) Chlorine monitoring was removed from the permit. Chlorine disinfection is not used at the Bigfork WWTP.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS March 14, 2018**. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS March 14, 2018**, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@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 17.30.1373).

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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