



April 26, 2018

JEFF BURROWS
RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
214 SOUTH 4TH STREET SUITE A
HAMILTON MT 59840

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Ravalli County Commissioners

RE: Notification of Expiration due to Failure to Reapply – Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity, Authorization Number MTR000399, RAVALLI COUNTY AIRPORT

Dear JEFF BURROWS:

RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS failed to reapply to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to maintain permit coverage under the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity. The General Permit expired on January 31, 2018, and renewed on February 1, 2018. To maintain permit coverage, permittees needed to reapply with a complete Notice of Intent (NOI-SWI) Form, a new Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and a renewal fee. Renewal fee amounts are based on facility acreage and are provided on the NOI-SWI form. DEQ sent a renewal notification to all permittees on February 1, 2018.

To date, DEQ has not received a complete renewal application for your facility. If RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS does not submit complete renewal materials by May 21, 2018, the authorization to discharge under MTR000399 will be expired effective May 22, 2018. RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will not receive separate notice of expiration.

The NOI-SWI form and SWPPP guidance can be found on the DEQ website at the following address:


<http://deq.mt.gov/Water/WPB/mpdes/stormwaterindustrial>

As a reminder, any discharge to state waters without a current permit constitutes a violation of the Montana Water Quality Act, and DEQ may pursue formal enforcement options at a later date, if deemed necessary, which may include assessment of penalties.

If RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS wishes to obtain permit coverage after authorization expiration, the application will be processed as a new application as described in the General Permit.

If you disagree with any of the facts stated in this letter, or have any questions, please contact the Water Protection Bureau at (406) 444-3080.

Sincerely,


Jon Kenning, Chief
Water Protection Bureau
Water Quality Division

cc: DEQ Compliance Section