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Ravalli County Commissioners

**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-18-13  
July 16, 2018**

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a General Permit as described in this notice and to hold a public hearing on the issuance of this permit. 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](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

- PERMIT CATEGORY: General Permit; Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO)
- GEOGRAPHIC REGION: Statewide (except within the boundaries of Indian Reservations)
- FACILITIES: Owners/Operators of CAFOs
- RECEIVING WATER: Statewide
- PERMIT NUMBER: MTG010000

The renewal of this General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations will continue to provide statewide general permit coverage for owner/operators of cow-calf operations, feedlots (cattle, sheep and horses), sale and shipping yards, and hog and poultry facilities that meet definition of a CAFO.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS August 24, 2018. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS August 24, 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](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

**A public hearing will be held on the draft discharge permit, the fact sheet, and the environmental assessment at 10:00AM on August 20, 2018 in Room 111 of the Lee Metcalf Building located at 1520 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Helena, Montana.**

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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) 444-5546 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.

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government. Please notify the Water Protection Bureau for accommodations no later than August 15, 2018 to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can contact the Water Protection Bureau at 444-5546 or write to the address noted to make your request known.

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