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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-18-18
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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are 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); ARM 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheets, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: Willow Creek Sewer District #306
FACILITY NAME: Willow Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility
FACILITY LOCATION: 107 West Fifth Street
Willow Creek, MT 59760
Gallatin County
RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Unnamed Borrow Ditch along State Highway 287
PERMIT NUMBER: MT0025038

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Willow Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). The WWTF is a minor, publicly-owned treatment works which discharges into an unnamed borrow ditch along State Highway 287. The facility operates a three-cell facultative lagoon with an ultraviolet disinfection system and an average daily design flow of 0.0345 million gallons per day.

The facility is not a new or increased source. In this permit, technology-based effluent limits for total suspended solids and 5-day biochemical oxygen demand are changed from Treatment

Equivalent to Secondary Standards to National Secondary Standards. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring and reporting of discharge quality. Some monitoring frequencies have been increased to be more indicative of the facility's intermittent discharge periods. This permit and fact sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Company

FACILITY NAME: Stoltze Cogeneration Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: The facility is located approximately two miles northwest of Columbia Falls, and one mile north of the intersection of US Highway 2 and State Highway 40 Flathead County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class II Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000228

A determination has been made by DEQ to reissue an existing Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit to F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Company for the Stoltze Cogeneration Facility. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation and maintenance of the facility's wastewater collection and disposal system.

The facility includes a wood-fired boiler and an electrical generator. The steam generated from the boilers is used to heat the buildings, to dry the lumber, and to power the 2.5 megawatt steam-turbine generator. The facility produces enough electricity to power approximately 2,200 homes.

The wastewater associated with the operation and maintenance of the facility boiler is discharged to shallow ground water through an infiltration pond. The pond is located at: Southeast 1/4, Section 02, Township 30 North, Range 21 West; Latitude 48.38778°N, Longitude 114.24402°W; Flathead County.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION:

APPLICANT: Ash Grove Cement Company

FACILITY NAME: Ash Grove Cement Company - Montana City Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 100 Highway 518, Clancy, MT
Jefferson County

RECEIVING WATER: Prickly Pear Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0000451

This permitting action is the renewal of an existing Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge from the Ash Grove Cement Company – Montana City Plant.

This renewal is for two outfalls (Outfall 001 & 002). Monitoring for Outfall 002 has reverted to the ‘end of pipe’ for both Technology-based and Water Quality-based Effluent Limits as this location was determined to be most representative. DEQ has maintained the effluent limits of 50 mg/L Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and pH range of 6.0 – 9.0 SU, and added a nondegradation TSS load limit of 3.0 lb/day for Outfall 001 and 5.2 lb/day for Outfall 002. Upstream monitoring has been added. DEQ included Special Conditions addressing storm water pollution prevention planning and pollutant source reduction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 26, 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 SEPTEMBER 26, 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 and 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) 444-5546 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.

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