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**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 8 PUBLIC NOTICE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL
POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT**

PUBLICATION DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2016

NPDES PERMIT NUMBER: MT-0030767

PERMITTEE NAME: City of Hardin

FACILITY NAME: City of Hardin Water Treatment Plant

MAILING ADDRESS: 406 N Cheyenne Avenue
Hardin, Montana 59034

PURPOSE: The purpose of this notice is to state the EPA's intention to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit under the authority of Section 402 of the Clean Water Act.

ACTIVITY: Potential discharge of finished water from the Hardin Water Treatment Plant to the Bighorn River. The facility infiltrates and evaporates its wastewater in a lagoon system and only plans to discharge in case of emergency. The facility is located adjacent to the Crow Reservation, Big Horn County, Montana, but the lagoon and potential discharge location is within the Crow Reservation. Authorization for discharge is limited to only those outfalls specifically listed in the permit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comment period ends 30 calendar days after the date of publication of this notice. Comments must be directed to: Lisa Kusnierz (8MO), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, 10 West 15th Street, Suite 3200, Helena, Montana 59626. All comments received prior to the end of the comment period will be considered in the formulation of any final permit determination, and will be part of the administrative record. Any commenter may request a public hearing and the EPA will hold a hearing if the response to this notice indicates significant public interest. The EPA is also requesting comments on the possible adverse effects of reissuing the permit on historic properties and/or cultural resources in the area.

PERMIT AVAILABILITY: The draft permit and the statement of basis for the draft permit are available for download at <https://www.epa.gov/region8/npdes-permits-document-download>. Contact Lisa Kusnierz at (406) 457-5001, Kusnierz.Lisa@epa.gov, or by writing to the address listed above for more information. The complete application and related documents are available by appointment for review and reproduction at the address listed above during the hours of 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.,

Monday through Friday, Federal holidays excluded. To make an appointment to review the documents contact Lisa Kusnierz as listed above.

Notification and details of any public comment period extension will be posted at the public comment web page address only (listed above) and will not be published in this newspaper. Interested parties on our email list will also be notified by email. If you wish to be added to our email list, please notify the permitting contact listed in this Notice.

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