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January 14, 2010

Montana Department of Transportation
Attn: Dwane Kailey, Chief Operations Officer c/o Jeffrey M. Ebert, Butte District
Administrator
3751 Wynne Avenue, P.O. Box 3068
Butte, MT 59702-3068

RE: Authorization Letter: Montana Department of Transportation Small MS4 *HELENA*
Authorization Number MTR040009

Dear Mr. Kailey:

The Department has reviewed your application to discharge storm water from the above referenced municipal separate storm sewer systems and has determined that these qualify for coverage under the Department's January 1, 2010 *General Permit for Storm Water Discharge Associated with Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)*, MTR040000 (General Permit). The initial application was received on November 25, 2009, a revised application on January 7, 2010, and a complete application on January 13, 2010 (fee). In accordance with the provisions of the General Permit, the Department authorizes the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to discharge storm water from the above referenced Small MS4 into the following receiving surface waters:

Tenmile Creek;
Prickly Pear Creek; and,
Helena Valley Canal.

The General Permit is valid only when accompanied by this authorization letter. A copy of the General Permit is enclosed. Please take special note of the effluent limitations, self-monitoring and reporting requirements and any special conditions in the General Permit.

Any violation of these requirements or any other provision of the General Permit is subject to enforcement action by the Department pursuant to the Montana Water Quality Act.

The permittee's Small MS4 under this permit authorization will be that within the permitted area as identified in the permittee's application.

Part IV.I. of the General Permit provides requirements for annual reports. The permittee must submit an annual report pertaining to their permitted Small MS4 unless formal shared responsibilities allow another entity to complete your annual report obligations for you. The annual report must completely address all Small MS4 discharges regulated under this permit authorization. For the permittee's Small MS4, ensure you address all required items for the annual reports as stated in the General Permit and the standard annual reporting form, including appropriate certifications and signatures. A new annual report submittal date of March 1st will initiate with the report to be submitted for the 2010 calendar year.

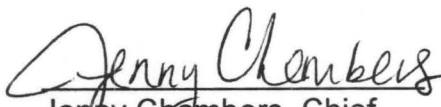
In accordance with Part III.A. of the General Permit, MDT's SWMP must address the pollutants of concern for which the receiving water bodies are listed on the State's 303(d) list. This discussion must specifically address Best Management Practices that will address the pollutants of concern.

Annual fees are based on ARM 17.30.201. Annual fees are assessed for each calendar year in which the authorization remains active.

Issuance of a permit authorization under this General Permit does not waive obligations to obtain other permits that may be required.

This authorization is issued pursuant to the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) program under the authority of 75-5-402, MCA, of the Montana Water Quality Act and Section 402 and 303 of the federal Clean Water Act.

Please include your permit authorization number on any correspondence or communication with the Department. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Water Protection Bureau at (406) 444-3080.


Jenny Chambers, Chief
Water Protection Bureau
Permitting & Compliance Division

Enclosure: General Permit MTR040000

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