



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
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HELENA, MONTANA 59626

**May 19, 2011**

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF NPDES PERMIT**

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

**THIS NOTICE ANNOUNCES EPA'S INTENTIONS TO REISSUE A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) DISCHARGE PERMIT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT.**

**PERMIT INFORMATION**

The facility to be covered by the permit is the Symes Hot Springs Mineral Baths and Swimming Pool.

PERMITTEE NAME: Symes Hot Springs Hotel and Mineral Baths

FACILITY NAME: Symes Hot Springs Mineral Baths and Swimming Pool

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 651  
Hot Springs, MT 59845

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (406)741-2361

NPDES PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030619

The mineral baths and swimming pool discharge water from a geothermal well to Hot Springs Creek after the water has flowed through the mineral baths and swimming pool. The facility is located at 47° 36' 37" and 114° 40' 17".

**EPA TENTATIVE DETERMINATION**

In accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the CWA, a tentative determination regarding the effluent limitations and other conditions to be imposed in this permit have been made by EPA staff. EPA's tentative determinations are that limitations and conditions in this permit will assure that all applicable provisions of the CWA will be protected. EPA will request the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes to certify pursuant to Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.



## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

In accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R., Part 124.10, this comment period ends 30 calendar days after the date of the publication of this notice. Comments may be directed to Rosemary Rowe (8MO); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, 10 West 15th Street, Suite 3200, Helena, MT 59626.

If no objection is received within the specified comment period, the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 8 intends to issue a final NPDES permit and Clean Water Act section 401 certification within sixty days of the date of this notice. EPA will hold a public hearing if the response to this notice indicates significant public interest.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

The draft permit and the statement of basis for the draft permit are available for download at [www.epa.gov/region8/water/npdes/documents.html](http://www.epa.gov/region8/water/npdes/documents.html). Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling Rosemary Rowe at (406)457-5020 or email [rowe.rosemary@epa.gov](mailto:rowe.rosemary@epa.gov) or by writing to the address listed above. 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 look at the documents, call contact Rosemary Rowe at the above phone number or email.