

## NPDES Permits on the Horizon in Montana. (Friday 07/09/2010 12:00PM)

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According to the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 ruling by the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, clean water permits (NPDES permits) will be required for all pesticide or biological applications to control pests directly to water, over water, or near water. See the previous MSU Pesticide News story at <http://www.pesticides.montana.edu/News/Miscellaneous/agalertaquaticpesticidepermits.pdf>. This court mandate which takes effect on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 will impact some Montana pesticide applicators.

EPA will be hosting a listening session for the public on the draft NPDES pesticide general permits next Monday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 9 – 11 a.m (MST). This session will be held in EPA's Region 8 conference center at 1595 Wynkoop St., Denver, CO 80202 – 1129. The Montana technical contact for the permit will be available by conference call and will be presenting background information on the permit and an update on the public notice comment process. The meeting will then be open for discussion.

For more information regarding this meeting contact David Rise, NPDES Program, EPA Region 8, 10 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, STE 3200, Helena, Montana (406)457-5012. A phone line will be available for individuals wishing to call and join in.

Conference Line: 1-866-299-3188  
Conference Code: 3033126162

The PowerPoint link below will be referenced throughout the presentation. Listeners should download and follow along:

<http://www.epa.gov/region8/water/npdes/PermittingOfDischargesFromPesticides.pdf>

### Montana NPDES Meeting

Following the EPA listening session the Montana Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Quality will have a joint discussion regarding the permitting process in Montana. Anyone with an interest in the subject is welcome to join.

*303 North Roberts (corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Roberts), Conference Room. 11 a.m. (MST).*

EPA is accepting comments on the permit through July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. If you wish to comment follow the online EPA docket instructions at <http://www.pdis.org/AgAlerts/ViewFile.aspx?ID=54531&type=msword>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information see the EPA Final Rule on Aquatic Pesticides website (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/>). If you have further questions regarding this article contact the MSU Pesticide Education Program office (Cecil Tharp, 406-994-5067, [ctharp@montana.edu](mailto:ctharp@montana.edu)).