

# Public Notice: Request for Comments



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## Notice of Intent to Modify Permit for Mountain Home Air Force Base [Docket No. 10HW-1603]

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### What is the purpose of this notice?

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing to issue a modified Hazardous Waste Post-Closure and Corrective Action Permit for the Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB). The permit modifications are based on the RCRA regulation allowing the responsible agency, DEQ, to shorten the post-closure care period if the reduced period is sufficient to protect human health and the environment. Such modifications are not unilaterally approved by DEQ. Before approval, you (the public), are provided an opportunity to comment on the modified portions of the draft permit prepared by DEQ.

**What is proposed?** The DEQ is proposing to reduce the post-closure care period for the capped closed hazardous waste management unit at MHAFB to twenty-five (25) years, and remove conditions related to post-closure care, based on the results of a field investigation performed to assess the POL clay cap and subsurface conditions beneath the cap. The field investigation provided evidence that the concentrations of the hazardous chemicals remaining in the soil underneath the clay cap do not pose an unacceptable risk to non-residential and construction workers, and so the clay cap does

not require maintenance, nor other post-closure care.

The modified portions of the draft Permit are hereby proposed for approval.

### Where can I get more information?

**In person:** A copy of the draft modified portions of the Permit and a Fact Sheet are available for review at DEQ's State Office at 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho.

**On line:** The draft modified portions of the Permit and a Fact Sheet are available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/news-public-comments-events.aspx>.

**By phone:** Call Mr. Robert Bullock at (208) 373-0502.

Persons wanting to be added to or deleted from the facility mailing list should contact Ms. René Anderson at the same address and/or at (208) 373-0210

### When are written comments due?

Submit written comments through 5 p.m. MST, July 5, 2016. Comments should be addressed to: Mr. Robert Bullock, c/o Ms Jenny Shafer, at the address listed above; or submitted via the online form at the DEQ website listed above.

### Contact Names:

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### Who is responsible for implementing this permit?

Mountain Home Air Force Base

### Who is the issuing office?

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

### What are DEQ's responsibilities?

DEQ is the regulatory agency that helps protect and enhance Idaho's water and air quality, and helps ensure proper management and disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits for certain activities.

### What legal requirements apply?

Idaho's rules for administrative procedure require that DEQ provide the public, through a newspaper notice, the opportunity to submit written comments on the draft permit modification.

### What Happens Next?

DEQ will consider any comments and/or requests for a hearing, and announce a time and place for a hearing, modify the proposed changes, or approve the modified permit as proposed.