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Town of Philipsburg

March 5, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter acknowledges that the Town of Philipsburg has not yet met the regulatory requirements for the construction of a water filtration facility to address disinfecting byproducts in the water.

The Town is now under an administrative court order to establish scheduling to address the problem and is currently seeking funding to address this issue.

We are mandated by law to inform the public about these exceedances. An explanation by the Department of Environmental Quality is contained within this correspondence. As stated in this letter, this is NOT an emergency but a formal notification of the exceedances, wherein it is stated that it is NOT necessary for customers to boil their water. Please reference important information about your drinking water.

If you have any questions please call 406-859-3821. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Mayor Anne Fillmore





10 February 2026

TOWN OF PHILIPSBURG TOWN OF
ATTN DANIEL REDDISH
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Re: Treatment Technique Violation – Failure to Install Filtration Treatment; November and December 2025, January and February 2026 Philipsburg Town of, PWSID# MT0000304, Class C

Dear Daniel Reddish,

This violation letter is to inform you that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has documented that the town of Philipsburg is in violation of the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM). The town of Philipsburg is in violation of ARM 17.38.208 for the months of November and December 2025, and January and February 2026 for failing to install filtration treatment within 18 months of being notified that the public water system has lost its filtration avoidance status and requires surface water treatment which meets treatment technique requirements.

In a letter dated September 11, 2023, the department notified the town of Philipsburg that the public water system no longer meets filtration avoidance criteria due to disinfection byproduct exceedances and therefore must install filtration treatment for the Fred Burr water source that satisfies the requirements of the Surface Water Treatment Rules (SWTR) within 18 months of the date of the letter or physically disconnect and discontinue the use of the source. The town of Philipsburg was in violation of the Surface Water Treatment Rules in March 2025 and has continued to be in violation up to the date of this letter.

To return your system to compliance, I recommend you immediately make arrangements to comply with the surface water treatment rules. Any alterations or modifications to a public water supply system must meet the requirements of ARM 17.38.101 which states that a person may not commence construction, alteration, extension or operation of a public water supply system until the applicant has submitted a design report along with the necessary plans and specifications for the system to DEQ for its review and approval.

This violation requires public notification in accordance with ARM 17.38.239. Public notification requirements are being met through the continuous posting of public notice.

Public notification is required to be repeated quarterly until the town of Philipsburg is no longer in violation per ARM 17.38.239. Public notification is required to be submitted to the department within 10 days of posting the public notice.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have other relevant information, documentation, or any questions you would like to discuss, please contact me at (406) 444-7251 or Joshua.seekins@mt.gov.

Sincerely,



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