



April 23, 2019

Dennis Cramer
2523 Trade Wind Ln
Bozeman, MT 59718

RE: Water Quality Act Violation [CVID #21220]

Dear Mr. Cramer,

On March 16, 2019, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received a report of an incident that resulted in your vehicle entering the Gallatin River along Highway 191 near mile marker 71, Gallatin County, Montana.

Due to the nature of the incident, no further cleanup activities will be required by DEQ other than removal of the vehicle. However, because your vehicle did enter the river, I am sending this letter to inform you that the release of automotive fluids into the Gallatin River constitutes a violation of the Water Quality Act, which states:

- It is unlawful to place or cause to be placed any wastes where they will cause pollution of any state waters. *See* Section 75-5-605(1)(c), Montana Code Annotated (MCA). State waters is defined as a body of water, irrigation system, or drainage system, either surface or underground. *See* Section 75-5-103(34), MCA.

DEQ is closing the spill file for this incident. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shasta Steinweden".

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