



October 14, 2015

Roman Fisher  
810 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. E.  
Kalispell, MT 59901

**RE: Water Quality Act Violation [CVID #18785]**

Dear Mr. Fisher:

On October 3, 2015, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received a report of an incident involving a vehicle accident that resulted in your vehicle in a pond, near Interstate 90, mile marker 279, Three Forks. First responders noticed a sheen coming from the submerged vehicle, presumably from engine oils.

Please properly manage any sheen on the water and automotive fluids remaining in the vehicle. Because there was a visible sheen in the water from the vehicle, I am sending this letter to inform you that the release of engine oils, gas, or diesel into the pond 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 black ink that reads "Shasta Steinweden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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