



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



17.30.653 E-2 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

- (1) Waters classified E-2 are to be maintained suitable for agricultural purposes, secondary contact recreation, and wildlife. Because of habitat, low flow, hydro-geomorphic and other physical conditions these waters are marginally suitable for aquatic life.
- (2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified E-2:
 - (a) the aquatic life standards for priority pollutants listed in DEQ-7;
 - (b) the aquatic life standards for ammonia and other non-priority pollutants listed in DEQ-7, unless those standards are modified or removed based upon a use attainability analysis developed for a specific water body;
 - (c) the designated uses of a receiving water body under a different classification must be fully maintained;
 - (d) the geometric mean number of *Escherichia coli* bacteria may not exceed 630 colony forming units per 100 milliliters and 10 percent of the samples may not exceed 1,260 colony forming units per 100 milliliters during any 30-day period. Water quality criteria for *Escherichia coli* are expressed in colony forming units per 100 milliliters of water or as most probable number, which is a statistical representation of the number of organisms in a sample, as incorporated by reference in 40 CFR 136.3(b).

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