



NOTICE OF REVIEW

APDES Preliminary Draft General Permit

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
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NOTICE OF REVIEW OF AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) PRELIMINARY DRAFT GENERAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEC has prepared an APDES Preliminary Draft General Permit, AKG332000 - Facilities Related to Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, and Development in the North Slope Borough (Permit). The Preliminary Draft Permit, Fact Sheet, and associated documents are available to the applicant for a 10-day review. Following the close of the 10-day applicant review period, DEC will prepare a draft permit and fact sheet for a formal 30-day public review period. Public comments will be accepted during the formal 30-day review period. You can access the documents on the DEC Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program webpage at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>

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Preliminary Draft Permit Review:

Start Date: January 12, 2023

End Date: January 29, 2024, at 12:00 pm (midnight). Alaska Standard Time

Permit No.: AKG332000

Permit Name: Facilities Related to Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, and Development in the North Slope Borough

Proposed Permit Coverage:

The Permit proposes to reauthorize the discharges related to oil and gas exploration, production, and development activities, located in the North Slope Borough or coastal marine waters of the U.S. offshore of the North Slope Borough and landward of the inner boundary baseline, to discharge wastewater to waters of the United States, waters of the state, land disposals only in accordance with effluent limits, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in the Permit and Fact Sheet. The Permit also proposes to reinstate wastewater discharges that are currently authorized under AKG002000 and AKG003000. During the effective period of the Permit, pollutants from the following discharges will be permitted to occur:

- Discharge 002 – Graywater
- Discharge 003 – Gravel Pit Dewatering
- Discharge 004 – Excavation Dewatering
- Discharge 005 – Hydrostatic Testing
- Discharge 006 – Storm Water
- Discharge 007 – Mobile Spill Response
- Discharge 008 – Contained Water

The Permit proposes to authorize a 200-meter radius chronic mixing zone for fecal coliform bacteria and residues from Graywater (Discharge 002) discharges, a 500-foot standard mixing zone for turbidity from Gravel Pit Dewatering and Excavation Dewatering (Discharges 003 and 004), and will require a mixing zone analysis along with the NOI from applicants proposing to discharge from marine dredge settling basins.

Deadline for Written Applicant Review Comments:

The deadline for proposed final permit review comments by the applicant is **January 29, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. (midnight) Alaska Standard Time.**

Administrative Record:

The APDES Preliminary Draft Permit, Fact Sheet, and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Wasilla, and Soldotna. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

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If you would like further information or to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact the permit writer at the address shown on page 1.

The permit documents can be accessed from the DEC Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program website at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>

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