



NOTICE OF REVIEW

CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401

CERTIFICATION

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

FINAL RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

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NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)

SITKA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Following the close of the 45-day public notice of Clean Water Act Section 401 Certificate of Reasonable Assurance for the draft City of Sitka Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Permit AK0021474 renewal, DEC has prepared responses for the comments received. DEC's Final Response to Comments can be accessed at DEC's Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program web page at: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wastewater/>. Comments were accepted during Public Notice and will not be accepted during this review period.

Final Response to Comments Review

Start Date: January 18, 2024

End Date: February 16, 2024

NPDES Permit No.: AK0021474

Nature of Activity and Location:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) public noticed the draft City of Sitka Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Permit No. AK0021474 on June 7, 2023 for 45-days and requested DEC provide the draft permit a Clean Water Act Section 401 certification. The permit is a renewal of the City of Sitka's Clean Water Act Section 301(h) modified AK0021474 permit issued by EPA in 2001.

DEC's Draft Certificate of Reasonable of Assurance was public noticed concurrently with the draft NPDES City of Sitka Wastewater Treatment Plant permit. DEC received comments on the Draft Certificate of Reasonable Assurance and has prepared a Final Response to Comments document.

The activity is located at 57.038776° north latitude, 135.345959° west longitude, near Sitka, Alaska with discharge of primary treated domestic wastewater to Sitka Sound.

Determination:

DEC has issued a Final Certificate of Reasonable Assurance for NPDES Permit No. AK0021474.

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Informal Reviews and Adjudicatory Hearings:

A person authorized under a provision of 18 AAC 15 may request an informal review of a contested decision by the Division Director in accordance with 18 AAC 15.185 and/or an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 18 AAC 15.195 – 18 AAC 15.340. See DEC’s “Appeal a DEC Decision” web page <https://dec.alaska.gov/commish/review-guidance/> for access to the required forms and guidance on the appeal process. Please provide a courtesy copy of the adjudicatory hearing request in an electronic format to the parties required to be served under 18 AAC 15.200.

Requests must be submitted no later than the deadline specified in 18 AAC 15 based on the date of this notice.

Administrative Record:

The Final Response to Comments and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Soldotna, and Wasilla. 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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The documents are also accessible from the ADEC website at:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wastewater/>

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