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DEC denies appeal of its Cruise Ship General Permit

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced it has denied a request for a review of its Large Commercial Passenger Vessel Wastewater Discharge General Permit. The permit was issued April 22.

Campaign to Safeguard America's Waters and Friends of the Earth requested an administrative review of the permit on May 19.

A request for an administrative review of a permit decision must meet certain legal standards. Attorneys with the Office of Administrative Hearings determined that the request fell short of those standards. It was denied for that reason.

"The permit faithfully implements the intent and letter of recent legislation," said DEC Water Division Director Lynn Kent. "It provides the high degree of protection of Alaska's waters called for by the law."

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