



NOTICE OF REVIEW

APDES Proposed Final Individual Permit

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
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NOTICE OF REVIEW OF AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) PROPOSED FINAL INDIVIDUAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

Following the close of a 30-day public notice period, ADEC has prepared an APDES proposed final individual permit for the Niblack Project, LLC. Prior to making the final decision to issue the individual permit, ADEC invites you to view the proposed final individual permit and associated documents. You can access the proposed final individual permit and associated documents at ADEC's Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program web page at: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm>

Proposed Final Permit Review

Start Date: July 16, 2015

End Date: July 23, 2015

Permit No.: AK0053708

Proposed Permit Coverage:

The Niblack Project LLC owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility that is located at 55.0665° North and 132.1447° West on Prince of Wales Island. The project is currently comprised of approximately 2500 feet, with the possible expansion up to 6000 feet, of underground drift development to provide access for continued exploration drilling on the Lookout and Mammoth massive sulfide mineral zones. Metals in the massive sulfide mineralization include copper, zinc, gold, and silver. Wastewater consists of approximately 291 gallons per minute (gpm) of water draining from the exploration drift portal and 9 gpm of runoff water from a potentially acid generating rock pile. The wastewater is treated through settling ponds and will then be discharged into Niblack Anchorage. The APDES permit will allow for the discharge of treated wastewater at a maximum rate of 300 gallons per minute into Niblack Anchorage. A mixing zone, that is approximately 9.06 meters in length and has a total width of 11.82 meters, is proposed for copper, lead, mercury, nickel, zinc, and pH.

Determination:

The ADEC has determined to issue the above listed individual permit.

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Administrative Record:

The APDES preliminary draft permit, fact sheet, and associated documents are available for public review at the ADEC 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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