



PUBLIC NOTICE

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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) INDIVIDUAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:

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Draft Permit Public Notice Period

Public Notice Start Date: **July 2, 2015**
Public Notice Expiration Date: **August 17, 2015**

Permit Number:

AK0053732

Applicant:

Aurora Energy Services, LLC
Seward Coal Loading Facility

Facility Address:

903 Port Avenue
Seward, AK 99664

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 1789
Seward, AK 99664

Proposed Project and Location:

The Seward Coal Loading Facility (Facility) is operated by Aurora Energy Services. The Facility unloads coal from railcars, conveys the coal to storage, reclaims the coal from storage, and loads the coal into bulk carrier ships for open ocean transport and delivery to market. Incidental coal is

discharged during normal operations from belt conveyor (BC) system BC-14 and the shiploader system located at the terminus of BC-14, which transfers the coal over Resurrection Bay to the bulk carrier ships. The Facility is located in the City of Seward, Alaska at the head of Resurrection Bay. The permit proposes authorizing a 30-acre project area zone of deposit on the seafloor surrounding BC-14 and the shiploader system for residues (i.e., coal).

Tentative Determination:

DEC has tentatively determined to issue a discharge permit to the above listed applicant.

Public Comments:

Mailed comments and requests must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice. The deadline for written comments is August 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. AST.

DEC anticipates significant public interest in the draft permits and will hold a presentation and hearing on August 5, 2015 at the Seward Community Library Museum at 239 6th Street. The presentation is from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm and the hearing is from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Administrative Record:

The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, permit application, 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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If you would like further information or to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact William Ashton.

The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wwdp/index.htm>

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http://dec.alaska.gov/water/npdes/npdes_email_list.htm

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