



# 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: **June 24, 2016**  
Public Notice Expiration Date: **July 25, 2016**

**Permit Number:** **AK0053724**

**Applicant:** City of Seward  
Spring Creek Correctional Center Wastewater Treatment Facility  
404 Delphin Street  
P.O. Box 167  
Seward, AK 99664

### **Proposed Project and Location:**

The City of Seward owns, operates and maintains the Spring Creek Correctional Center Wastewater Treatment Facility (Spring Creek WWTF) located in Seward, Alaska. The treated wastewater from the facility is proposed to be discharged to Resurrection Bay. Spring Creek WWTF has been permitted to discharge treated municipal wastewater into Resurrection Bay at latitude 60° 05' 16" north and longitude 149° 21' 54" west since 1987. Design flow for Spring Creek WWTF is 0.195 million gallons per day (mgd) and primarily serves a population of approximately 600 – 700 inmates and staff at the Spring Creek Correctional Facility. The

treatment facility also treats domestic wastewaters from the Seward Marine Industrial Center and a seafood processing plant with a seasonally varying population of up to 100 workers.

The wastewater receives preliminary treatment consisting of a bar screen and comminutors. Secondary treatment is provided by an aerated lagoon system. A single lagoon is separated into five cells by baffle curtains and per design, the lagoon provides 30 days detention. Aeration is provided by two blowers. During normal operation one blower is operated during the winter and both blowers are operated during the summer.

DEC is proposing to authorize a mixing zone for fecal coliform bacteria. The mixing zone size will continue to be the same as was authorized in the previous permit and is defined as the area within a circle, 100 meters radius, centered on the end of the outfall pipe.

**Tentative Determination:**

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

**Public Comments:**

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft permit must be submitted within 30 days of the issuance of this public notice. Please direct written comments and requests to the attention of Sally Wanstall at the address or email identified above. All comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of comment on the permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comment is based. Comments of either support or concern that are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments and requests must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

DEC will consider all comments when making the final decision, and will respond to received comments in a Response to Comments document issued when DEC issues a final permit. The Response to Comments will be made available to the public.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number. DEC will hold a public hearing whenever DEC finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. DEC may also hold a public hearing if a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in a permit decision or for other good reasons in DEC's discretion.

DEC will transmit the final permit, fact sheet (amended as appropriate), and Response to Comments to anyone who provided comments during the public review period or requested to be notified of DEC's final decision.

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:  
July 25, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. AKST**

**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 Sally Wanstall at [sally.wanstall@alaska.gov](mailto:sally.wanstall@alaska.gov).

The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at:  
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm>

To receive email notifications about the APDES Program, including when permits are available to review, follow the link below to join the APDES email list.  
[http://dec.alaska.gov/water/npdes/npdes\\_email\\_list.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/water/npdes/npdes_email_list.htm)

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