

DIVISION OF WATER Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program

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Re: Notice of Administrative Extension of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Large Commercial Passenger Vessel Wastewater Discharge General Permit No. 2013DB0004

To Large Commercial Passenger Vessel Operators in Alaska Waters,

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will administratively extend the Large Commercial Passenger Vessel Wastewater Discharge General Permit No. 2013DB0004 and authorizations to discharge under the General Permit until October 31, 2020. This extension will allow ships issued a discharge authorization under 2013DB0004 to operate under the General Permit for the 2020 Alaska cruise season. All permit terms and conditions as well as authorization requirements of General Permit No. 2013DB0004 will remain in place (18 AAC 15.110).

Vessels that were issued discharge authorizations under 2013DB0004 and plan to discharge in Alaska waters in 2020 must submit a new Notice of Intent unless one has been submitted already in 2019 and that submittal still accurately reflects treatment equipment and operations for 2020 and beyond. The Notice of Intent will act as the application under 18 AAC 15.110 for permit coverage during the administrative extension and be used for development of the next General Permit. Please update and check that the Notice of Intent accurately reflects treatment equipment and operations. New ships seeking future authorization to discharge in 2020 must also submit a Notice of Intent, unless one has already been submitted in 2019.

If you have questions or would like to discuss this action further, please contact Albert Faure at 465-5279 or <u>albert.faure@alaska.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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