



January 9, 2020

Subject: Alaska Large Cruise Ship Registration and Reporting¹

Dear Cruise Ship Operator:

Thank you for choosing Alaska as your destination. As a courtesy, and to assist you in complying with our state laws and regulations, we have combined several legal and regulatory requirements into a single process, which we describe in this letter. They include,

1. Vessel Registration (AS 46.03.461 and 18 AAC 69.010),
2. Environmental and Ocean Ranger Fees (A.S. 46.03.480, 46.03.476 and 46.03.480(d)),
3. Wastewater Discharge and Required Plans (AS 46.03.462, AS 46.03.465, 18 AAC 69.015, 18 AAC 69.025-040, and 18 AAC 69.065),
4. Vessel Position Reporting (AS 46.03.465(b))

Registration

On or before March 1, 2020, you must register each of your commercial passenger vessels that will operate in Alaska marine waters in 2020 using our online registration system. The only registration document that you must mail to us is the original notarized vessel owner or operator's signature page. The online registration application generates the signature page document at the end of the process.

Registration Link: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/cruise-ships/cruise-registration/>

Environmental and Ocean Ranger Fees

On or before June 1, 2020 you must pay two fees. Commercial passenger vessels must pay a Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance (CPVEC) fee, and an Ocean Ranger fee. The CPVEC Fee is based on passenger capacity and the number of voyages. The Ocean Ranger fee is a \$4 per berth, per voyage fee. The online registration process will tell you what your fee charges are. Invoices will be sent to the billing address listed in the vessel registration.

Wastewater Discharge and Required Plans

Information must be provided regarding your intent to discharge during the registration process. If you intend to discharge wastewater into the marine waters of the state², you must request coverage under the 2014 Large Commercial Passenger Vessel Wastewater Discharge General Permit. Information on the General Permit may be found at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/cruise-ships/cruise-general-permit/>

¹ Over 250 passengers as determined by the number of lower berths.

² Marine waters of the state are generally defined as three nautical miles from coast and all waters of the Alexander Archipelago (Inside Passage). For specific latitude and longitudes, see Alaska statute 46.03.490.

Permittees are required to meet all sampling and reporting requirements of the General Permit. You may change the registered discharge status at any time before the season begins by contacting the CPVEC program.

You must submit a sampling Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) or inform us that you will use the most recently ADEC approved Cruise Line International Association – North West and Canada Quality Assurance Project Plan. The attached description of required plans document explains some of the requirements of the required plans.

General Permit Extension

The General Permit is administratively extended on January 7, 2020 to cover the 2020 cruise ship season. 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.

Vessel Position Reporting

It is the operator's responsibility to provide hourly positional information to ADEC (AS 46.03.465(b)). ADEC cannot recommend a contractor to provide this service. In 2018, all operators contracted with the Marine Exchange of Alaska (907-463-2607). If an alternative source of vessel tracking data is used, it must be approved by CPVEC.

Other Requirements

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's (ADEC) Spill Prevention and Response (SPAR) Division is in a different division than the Cruise Ship Program and has its own separate requirements. Links to this information are on the attached "Useful Websites" page.

In addition to ADEC's large cruise ship requirements, federal agencies (EPA and U.S. Coast Guard) have requirements for discharging wastewater in Alaska waters. It is the responsibility of vessel owners or operators to register with the appropriate federal agencies. U.S. Coast Guard Sector Juneau can be contacted at 907-463-2980. <https://www.pacificarea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-17/17th-District-Units/Sector-Juneau/>

EPA Vessel General Permit Information can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels-vgp>

Required Address for Submissions

Submit all CPVEC registration correspondence, support documents, and reports to:

Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Program
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
P.O. Box 111800
Juneau, AK 99811-1800
or by email to: DEC.WQ.Cruise@alaska.gov

Please feel free to contact Albert Faure at (907) 465-5279 (albert.faure@alaska.gov) or Johnny Zutz at (907) 465-5317 (johnny.zutz@alaska.gov) with questions on CPVEC program requirements.

We appreciate your cooperation and willingness to work with us in the past and look forward to working with you during 2020.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: ADEC Notice of Administrative Extension of the ADEC CPVEC General Permit No. 2013DB0004
Description of Required Plans
ADEC Cruise Ship Excess Emission Notification Form

Table 1. Schedule and Description of CPVEC Requirements

Document	Due Date
Registration Requirements:	
Registration with original notarized signature page submitted	March 1, 2020
Non-hazardous Solid Waste Offloading and Disposal Plan	March 1, 2020
Hazardous Waste and Substance Offloading Plan	March 1, 2020
Environmental Compliance Fee and Ocean Ranger Fee	June 1, 2020
Requirements if discharging IN ALASKAN WATERS:	
Quality Assurance Project Plan (sampling QA/ QC Plan)	March 1, 2020
NOI to request discharge under the Wastewater Discharge General Permit.	30 days prior to discharge.
Vessel Specific Sampling Plan (VSSP)	An approved 2020 VSSP is required 21 days before sampling.
Sampler qualifications for approval	Due 21 days prior to the first sample event.
Discharge Monitoring Report.	A Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) is due by the 21 st day of the following month.
Sample reports and electronic sample data	21 days after analytical testing is completed
Requirements while IN ALASKAN WATERS:	
Reporting of hourly vessel location	Reporting while in Alaska waters
Reporting of daily discharge records (logs)	Five days after each calendar month of operation in Alaska.
POST-SEASON Requirements:	
Voyage Report and Deviation Report to document any changes to the number of voyages or deviations from waste plans	November 15, 2020

CPVEC Links

The CPVEC Program website: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/cruise-ships/>

CPVEC Cruise Ship owner/ operator page:
<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/cruise-ships/cruise-operator/>

CPVEC program regulations (18 AAC 69) and Alaska Statute (46.03.460- 46.03.490):
<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/cruise-ships/laws-regs/>

Visible Emissions (Opacity Requirements)

Air Quality regulations 18 AAC 50: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/cruise-ships/laws-regs/>

Cruise Ship Excess Emission Form under Cruise Ship Excess Emissions Self Report:
<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/cruise-ships/cruise-air/>

SPAR – Oil Spill Prevention Requirements (COFR and C-Plan)

Cruise Ships are categorized as Nontank Vessels³ (NTVs)
<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr.aspx>

NTV requirements for operations in AK waters:

- Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR):
<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/financial-responsibility/apply-for-fr>
- Contingency Plan (C-Plan):
<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans>

Statutes and Regulations regarding Oil Spill Prevention requirements can be found at:
<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/regulations-guidance>

³ Self-propelled vessels over 400 gross registered tons, AS 46.04.900 (12)