

**Department of Environmental Conservation
Response to Comments**

For

APDES Individual Permit

AK0031429 – United States Coast Guard Base Kodiak

Bulk Fuel Storage Facility

Public Noticed January 21, 2020 – February 24, 2020

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1 Introduction

1.1 Summary of Facility / Permit

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) Base Kodiak Bulk Fuel Storage Facility is located between Womens Bay and St. Paul Harbor in Kodiak, Alaska approximately 4 miles southwest of the community of Kodiak. The facility consists of five above ground fuel storage tanks, a truck stand and an aircraft refueling pit located in four secondary containment areas (SCAs).

On March 4, 2019, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC or Department) received an application from USCG for reissuance of Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) Individual Permit AK0031429 – USCG, Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (Permit). The Department proposes to reissue the Permit, which authorizes discharges of accumulated rain and snowmelt wastewater from SCAs surrounding the storage tanks and other components at the facility. The Permit imposes effluent limits and monitoring for pH, oil and grease, total organic carbon and hydrocarbons and requires the development and implementation of a Best Management Practices Plan. Mixing zones were not requested by the permittee nor authorized by DEC.

1.2 Opportunities for Public Participation

DEC proposes to reissue the Permit after considering all substantive public comments received. To ensure participation by the public, agencies, and tribal and local governments during Permit reissuance, the Department:

- Identified the permit on the annual Permit Issuance Plan posted online at: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/pip/>;
- Notified potentially affected tribes that the Department would be working on the Permit via letter, fax and/or email on March 12, 2019;
- Posted the Preliminary Draft Permit on-line for a 10-day applicant review on November 21, 2019 and notified tribes, local governments and other agencies;
- Posted the public notice on the Department’s public notice web page January 21, 2020 for a 30-day public review on the Draft Permit and Fact Sheet; and
- Sent email notifications via the APDES Program List Serve when the Preliminary Draft, Draft, and Proposed Final Permits were available for review.

The Department requested comments on the Preliminary Draft documents from USCG, Environmental Protection Agency, National Marine Fishery Services, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and State agencies including, but not limited to, the Alaska Departments of Fish and Game and Natural Resources. No comments were received during the public notice review period for the Draft Permit.

This document summarizes the comments submitted during the public review period of the Draft Permit and the justification for any action taken or not taken by DEC in response to each comment.

1.3 Final Permit

Based on receiving no comments on the Draft Permit and Fact Sheet, USCG requested a waiver to the five-day applicant review of the Proposed Final Permit on February 25, 2020. DEC approved this request for waiving the five-day applicant review and the Final Permit was adopted by the Department on February 27, 2020. Given there were no comments submitted on the Draft Permit and Fact Sheet, there were no changes from the Draft Permit and Fact Sheet during development of the Final Permit and Fact Sheet.