

**Department of Environmental Conservation
Response to Comments**

For

APDES Individual Permit

AK0029441 – Petro Star Inc.,

Kodiak Terminal

Public Noticed January 2, 2020 – February 3, 2020

February 27, 2020



**Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
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1 Introduction

1.1 Summary of Facility / Permit

Petro Star Inc. (PSI) Kodiak Terminal is a bulk petroleum storage facility located on the northern shore of St. Paul Harbor, in the city of Kodiak, Alaska. The facility receives diesel fuel and gasoline from barges and distributes product via tanker trucks and marine dispensary to local land-based users. Facility components include bulk fuel storage tanks surrounded by secondary containment areas (SCAs), a truck loading rack, a mooring area/dock, pipelines and valves, and associated equipment.

On January 4, 2019, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC or Department) received an application from PSI for reissuance of Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) Individual Permit AK0029441 - PSI, Kodiak Terminal (Permit). The Department proposes to reissue the Permit, which authorizes discharges of accumulated rain and snowmelt wastewater from SCAs surrounding the tank farms, truck rack and parking lot at the facility. The Permit imposes effluent limits and monitoring for pH, Oil and Grease 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 8, 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 2, 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 PSI, 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.

1.3 Final Permit

Based on receiving no comments on the Draft Permit and Fact Sheet, PSI 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.