

**Department of Environmental Conservation  
Response to Comments**

**for**

**Kodiak Landfill Leachate APDES Permit No.  
AK0053481**

**Public Noticed February 12, 2026 – March 16, 2026**

**March 25, 2026**



**Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program  
555 Cordova Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501**

## **1 Introduction**

### **1.1 Summary of Facility / Permit**

The Kodiak Island Borough (KIB) owns and operates the KIB Kodiak Landfill, located approximately six miles northwest of Kodiak, Alaska. Established in the 1960s as an informal dump site, the facility has developed into a Class I landfill encompassing about 30.2 acres. The landfill accepts a variety of solid waste including municipal solid waste, baled industrial, commercial, and institutional waste, construction and demolition debris, landscaping material, and marine debris.

A membrane bioreactor system provides treatment for the leachate generated at the landfill. Treated leachate is discharged to constructed primary wetland cells which in turn drain to natural wetlands. Under typical conditions, the facility treats an average of approximately 57,600 gallons per day (gpd) of leachate. To accommodate precipitation events and to create storm capacity by draining down the lagoon, the system is designed for a maximum flow rate of 288,000 gallons per day.

Since 2015, the landfill has been issued two Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) wastewater discharge permits each for a 5-year permit term. The current version of the Kodiak Landfill Leachate Permit became effective June 1, 2021 and will expire May 31, 2026. The reissued permit will become effective June 1, 2026.

### **1.2 Opportunities for Public Participation**

DEC proposed to reissue an APDES wastewater discharge permit for the Kodiak Landfill. To ensure public, agency, local governments and tribal notification and opportunities for participation, the Department identified:

- the permit on the annual Permit Issuance Plan posted online at: [Permit Issuance Plan | AK Dept. of Environmental Conservation](#)
- notified local governments and potentially affected tribes that the Department would be working on this permit via letter, fax and/or email
- posted a preliminary draft of the permit on-line for a 10-day applicant review January 13, 2026 and notified tribes and other agencies
- posted the public notice announcing a 30-day public comment period on the Department's public notice web page on February 12, 2026
- sent email notifications via the APDES Program List Serve when the preliminary draft and draft permits were available for review

The Department did not receive any comments during the public comment period.

The Kodiak Island Borough waived 5-day applicant review of the final permit. The final permit was adopted by the Department on March 25, 2026.