

PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program 555 Cordova Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) INDIVIDUAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:

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Draft Permit Public Notice Period

Public Notice Start Date: March 6, 2020 Public Notice Expiration Date: April 6, 2020 5:00 pm Alaska Daylight Savings Time (AK DST)

Permit Number: AK0053384

Applicant:

Full Cycle LLC Ward Cove Wastewater Treatment Facility 7559 North Tongass Highway, Ketchikan, AK, 99901 PO Box 772, Ward Cove, AK, 99928

Proposed Project and Location:

<u>Facility Activity:</u> Full Cycle LLC operates the Ward Cove Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), approximately 5 miles north of Ketchikan, Alaska. The Ward Cove WWTF provides secondary treatment of domestic wastewater using activated sludge and extended aeration and chlorine disinfection. The design rate for the facility is 0.025 million gallons per day. The facility has an internal compliance point, Outfall 001A, and continually discharges treated effluent to Ward Cove through Outfall 001B at 55° 24' 15" North latitude and 131° 43' 58" West longitude.

Revised January 29, 2015

No mixing zone is authorized. A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) was finalized by EPA in 2007 and remains in effect, with a Wasteload Allocation for the Ward Cove WWTF for dissolved oxygen.

Tentative Determination:

DEC has tentatively determined to reissue a discharge permit to the above listed applicant.

Public Comments:

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft permit must be submitted within 30 days of the issuance of this public notice. Please direct written comments and requests to the attention of Isabel Felstead at the address or email identified above. All comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of comment on the permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comment is based. Comments of either support or concern that are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments and requests must be <u>postmarked</u> on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

DEC will consider all comments when making the final decision and will respond to received comments in a Response to Comments document issued when DEC issues a final permit. The Response to Comments will be made available to the public.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number. DEC will hold a public hearing whenever DEC finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. DEC may also hold a public hearing if a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in a permit decision or for other good reason in DEC's discretion.

DEC will transmit the final permit, fact sheet (amended as appropriate), and Response to Comments to anyone who provided comments during the public review period or requested to be notified of DEC final decision.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, April 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. AK DST

Administrative Record:

The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, permit application, and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Soldotna, and Wasilla. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

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If you would like further information or to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact Isabel Felstead.

The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at: <u>http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/</u>

To receive email notifications about the APDES Program, including when permits are available to review, follow the link below to join the APDES email list. http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/DEC-APDES/

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