

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) GENERAL 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: May 15, 2020

Public Notice Expiration Date: June 13, 2020

Permit No.: AKG250000

Permit Name:

Non-contact Cooling Water

Proposed Permit Coverage:

<u>Permit Coverage</u>: Non-contact cooling water facilities discharging to fresh or marine surface water in the State of Alaska

<u>Description of Discharge</u>: Non-contact cooling water is water that is used to reduce temperature and that does not come into direct contact with any raw material, intermediate product, waste product (other than heat), or finished product. Operations may include discharges of non-contact cooling water, defrost water, heat pump transfer water, and cooling tower blowdown. Non-contact cooling water maintains effective operating temperatures for buildings as well as

equipment. Non-contact cooling water may be used to cool equipment such as air compressors, air conditioners, condensers, electronics/transformers, hydraulic presses, injection molding and roto-molding equipment, oven seals, vacuum pumps, vapor degreaser condensers, viscosity baths, welding equipment including spot welders and x-ray processors. The general permit restricts coverage to facilities with design intake flows and discharges of less than 2.0 million gallons per day.

<u>Mixing Zone</u>: Applicants may request modified effluent limits and facility specific mixing zones for water-quality based effluent limits. DEC will authorize a mixing zone if it is consistent with the Clean Water Act and the mixing zone criteria at 18 AAC 70.240 through 18 AAC 70.270.

Tentative Determination:

DEC has tentatively determined to reissue a discharge permit for the activity described above.

Public Comments:

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft general permit must be submitted within 30 days of the issuance of this public notice. Please direct written comments to the attention of Marie Klingman 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 which are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments 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 June 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. AST

Administrative Record:

The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, and associated documents are available for public review at the ADEC 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 to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact Marie Klingman.

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

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

Disability Reasonable Accommodation Notice

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this review, please contact Kate Orozco at (907) 465-6171 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 10 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.