

**Department of Environmental Conservation  
Response to Comments**

**For**

**Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System**

**Individual Permit  
AK0000370 – Crowley Fuels, LLC**

**Publically Noticed September 16, 2020 – October 19, 2020**

**October 28, 2020**



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

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

The facility is located within the Port of Anchorage (POA) industrial area owned by the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC). Other facilities within the area include the ARRC rail yard, other bulk fuel facilities, pipelines, and freight handling facilities.

On May 21, 2020, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC or Department) received an application from Crowley Fuels, LLC for the second reissuance of Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) Individual Permit AK0000370 – Crowley Fuels, LLC (Crowley), Anchorage Bulk Petroleum Storage Facility. The Department is reissuing the Permit, which authorizes discharges of accumulated rain or snowmelt wastewater from Secondary Containment Areas (SCA) surrounding the storage tanks and other components of the facility. The Permit imposes effluent limits and monitoring for pH, flow, total suspended solids, turbidity, oil and grease (sheen), total aromatic hydrocarbons, and total aqueous hydrocarbons and requires the development or modification and implementation of a Best Management Practices Plan. Mixing zones were not requested nor authorized by DEC.

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

DEC is reissuing the Permit after considering all substantive public comments received (none). To ensure participation by the public, agencies, 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 May 28, 2020;
- Posted the Preliminary Draft Permit online for a 10-day applicant review on July 22, 2020 and notified tribes, local governments and other agencies;
- Posted the public notice on the Department's public notice web page on September 16, 2020 or a 30-day public review on the Draft Permit and Factsheet; 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 Crowley, Environmental Protection Agency, National Marine Fishery Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Alaska Department of Natural Resources. No comments were received on the Preliminary Draft Permit.

This document summarizes the comments submitted during the 30-day 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**

DEC did not receive comments during the 30-day public notice of the Draft Permit. Based on providing no comments, Crowley Fuels, LLC waived the five-day applicant review of the Proposed Final Permit. Given there were no comments submitted on the Draft Permit and Fact Sheet, there were no substantive changes from the Draft Permit and Fact Sheet during development of the Final Permit and Fact Sheet. However, minor modifications to correct spelling and grammatical errors were made between the draft and final permit documents.

The Final Permit was adopted on October 28, 2020.