



# 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:

**DEC Contact:** Marie Klingman, 610 University Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99709; 907-451-2101;  
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### **Draft Permit Public Notice Period:**

Public Notice Start Date: 7/7/2021

Public Notice Expiration Date: 8/6/2021

**Permit Number:** AK0023451

### **Applicant:**

City of Fairbanks and Golden Heart Utilities, Inc.

City of Fairbanks and Golden Heart Utilities, Inc. Wastewater Treatment Facility

PO Box 80370, Fairbanks, AK 99708

### **Proposed Project and Location:**

Facility Activity: Discharge of secondary treated domestic wastewater.

Discharge Location: Tanana River at 64° 47' 54.78" north latitude and 147° 46' 44.07" west longitude

Description of Discharge: Discharge of secondary treated domestic wastewater will occur at a maximum rate of 11.2 million gallons per day.

Mixing Zone: Mixing zones are proposed for ammonia, copper, temperature, and whole effluent toxicity. The proposed chronic mixing zone is 426 meters long and 7 meters wide. The proposed acute mixing zone is 37 meters long and 3 meters wide.

### **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. Any person desiring to comment on the permit may submit comments electronically via the DEC public notice site (**preferred**) at <http://water.alaskadec.commentinput.com/?id=Fx27k>.

Alternatively, you may direct written comments and requests to the attention of the DEC contact/permit writer at the email address or postal address identified above.

All comments should include the name, address, telephone number, and email address 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 postmarked 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:  
8/6/2021 at 11:59 p.m.**

**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 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, subscribe to the APDES email list at <http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/DEC-APDES/>.

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