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DIVISION OF WATER

Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program

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July 16, 2021

Sarah Ferguson-Brown  
Norwegian Cruise Line  
7665 Corporate Center Dr.  
Miami, FL, 33126 US

Re: Authorization to Discharge 2013DB0004-0036: Norwegian Encore

Dear Sarah Ferguson-Brown:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has completed its review and acknowledges that you have submitted a complete Notice of Intent (NOI) form for the 2013DB0004 Large Commercial Passenger Vessel Wastewater Discharge General Permit (Permit) for the Norwegian Encore's discharge of treated wastewater into Alaska marine waters and is hereby issuing a wastewater discharge authorization number 2013DB0004-0036.

The discharge from this vessel is authorized in accordance with the terms and conditions of the general permit and any site-specific conditions in this document.

An electronic copy of the Permit and this authorization is available at the Departments website <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/cruise-ships/cruise-general-permit/>.

The authorization effective date is 7/16/2021.

**The following are vessel specific conditions:**

- 1) Treated wastewater discharge is only authorized when the vessel is operating at speeds of 6 knots or greater.
- 2) Mixing Zone: A mixing zone size for the permittee is authorized for discharges at speeds of 6 knots or greater and is limited to 63 meters in length, 5 meters in width, and a depth from the water surface to the depth the discharge port is below the water surface plus one meter. The shape of the mixing zone is an elongated rectangle that extends from the discharge port towards the stern of the ship. See Permit Part 5.2.
- 3) Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing is required monthly on effluent samples once per month during the first and third year operating in Alaska waters. See Permit Part 6.9.4.

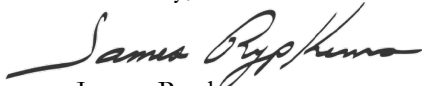
The permittee is reminded of the following permit requirements, and is responsible for all submissions and activities in the Permit even if they are not summarized below:

- All Commercial Passenger Vessels must register annually see Permit Part 2.1.3. <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/cruise-ships/cruise-registration/>.
- As per Permit Part 4.2.3, the permittee shall notify the Department, in writing, of wastewater treatment system modifications that change information provided to the Department in the approved NOI form at least 48 hours prior to the discharge of any treated wastewater into marine waters of the state. The NOI Application form can be accessed at the Departments website <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/cruise-ships/cruise-general-permit/>.

- Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) see Permit Part [6.1](#): The owner/operator of a vessel that intends to discharge wastewater into Alaskan waters must submit a wastewater sampling QAPP to DEC by March 1 for approval.
- Vessels Specific Sampling Plan (VSSP) see Permit Part [6.2](#): All vessels are required to have an approved Vessel Specific Sampling Plan (VSSP) 21 days before sampling.
- Underway sampling requirements for discharges underway at speeds greater than 6 knots and effluent limits can be found in Tables [3](#) and [5](#) of the permit.
- Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs): see Permit Part [7.2](#): DMRs are required for each calendar month that the vessel operated in the marine waters of the state and must be submitted within the first 21 days of the following calendar month.
- Submit all CPVEC registration correspondence, support documents, and reports to: [DEC.WQ.Cruise@alaska.gov](mailto:DEC.WQ.Cruise@alaska.gov) or mail to: ADEC-CPVEC, ATTN: Cruise Ship Program P.O. Box 111800 Juneau, AK 99811-1800.
- A copy of the General Permit 2013DB0004 and this acknowledgement letter must be kept onboard the vessel. This letter does not relieve the permittee from other local, state, or federal government permitting requirements.

Please reference your permit authorization number 2013DB0004-0036 and vessel name in all future correspondence. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Willow Weimer at 907-269-6096, or via email at [Willow.Weimer@alaska.gov](mailto:Willow.Weimer@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,



James Rypkema  
Program Manager, Cruise Ship Permitting

Enclosure: NOI

cc: [DEC.WQ.Cruise@alaska.gov](mailto:DEC.WQ.Cruise@alaska.gov)



## NOTICE OF INTENT FORM

<b>Notice of Intent to be covered under the Wastewater General Permit 2013DB0004 for Large Commercial Passenger Vessels Operating in Alaska (See Sections 2 and 3 of the permit.)</b>	
Submission of this document constitutes a request that certain discharges into marine waters of the state resulting from the operation of the large commercial passenger vessels identified herein be authorized under General Permit 2013-DB0004.	
<b>Vessel Owner Information</b>	
Who is the main point of contact for the vessel? (e.g. owner, operator, or Alaska Agent): Operator	
Vessel Owner's Business Name: Norwegian Cruise Line	
Mailing Address:  7665 Corporate Center Drive Miami, FL 33126	Phone:
Representative:	Email:
<b>Vessel Owner's or Operator's Alaska Agent Information</b>	
Company Name: Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska	
Mailing Address:  Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska P.O. Box 21507 Juneau, AK 99802	Phone:  907-586-1282
Representative: Andrew Greene	Email: Juneau@claalaska.com
<b>Vessel Operator's Business Name if Different From the Owner's Business Name</b>	
Vessel Operator's Business Name: NCL (Bahamas) Ltd.	
Mailing Address:  7665 Corporate Center Drive Miami, FL 33126	Phone:  305-436-4349
Representative: Sarah Ferguson-Brown	Email: sbrown@nclcorp.com

<b>Vessel Information (Y/N)</b>	
Are you seeking authorization to discharge with a mixing zone?	<b>Yes</b>
Are you seeking authorization to discharge while moving at 6 knots or greater?	Yes
Are you seeking authorization to discharge while moving at under 6 knots?	Yes
Are you seeking authorization to discharge while in Skagway at Broadway or Ore Docks?	Yes
<b>If the permittee is seeking authorization which includes a mixing zone, attach (may be emailed separately) a drawing to scale that indicates the length of the vessel and the locations of all wastewater effluent penetration points (ports) on the hull.</b>	
Vessel Name:	M/V Norwegian Encore
Vessel IMO Number:	9751511
Vessel Gross Tonnage:	169116
Port of Registry:	Nassau, Bahamas
Maximum Passenger Capacity per Voyage:	4963
Maximum Crew Capacity per Voyage:	1735
Vessel Draft <sup>1</sup> :	Max A=8.7 Max B=8.4
Vessel Length in Meters at Waterline <sup>2</sup> :	316.6 m
<b>Vessel Tracking</b>	
Method of submitting hourly vessel tracking information while in Alaskan waters (Marine Exchange of Alaska AIS or other Department approved method):	
Name, physical address, and mailing addresses of the service:	Norwegian Cruise Lines 7665 Corporate Center Drive Miami, FL 33126
Contact's name, email address, and phone number:	Main Telephone – 305-436-4481 Main Fax – 305-436-4159 Email – jgardner@nclcorp.com ABarnas@nclcorp.com

<sup>1</sup> Vessel draft under a) loaded condition for Alaska operations (bunkers / waste water storage etc.) and b) under light ship conditions for Alaska operations (bunkers empty / no waste water storage etc.)

<sup>2</sup> Length of Waterline (LWL) under normal load in standard Alaska conditions.

Discharge Port Characteristics			
Note: If there is more than one discharge port attach a sheet with the characteristics below for each AWTs Port. If more than one discharge pump attach sheet with capacity for each.			
Discharge Port Name <sup>3</sup> :	A	Location (Starboard/Port):	Port
Discharge Port Internal Diameter:	323.9 mm	Discharge Port Centerline Vertical Distance from Keel:	4100 mm
Discharge Port Distance from Bow at Waterline (normal load):	219.57 m	Discharge Port Centerline Vertical Distance from Waterline (normal load) <sup>4</sup> :	4500 mm
Discharge Port shape (round, oval, square):	Round	Discharge Port Pump Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> /hr) for each Pump <sup>5</sup> :	120 m <sup>3</sup> /hr
Discharge Port Vertical Angle Relative to Waterline <sup>6</sup> :	90 degrees	Discharge Port Horizontal Angle Relative to Centerline <sup>7</sup> :	90 degrees

Wastewater Discharge Information		
Estimates of the average and maximum volume of the wastewater to be discharged per 24 hour period (in cubic meters), and the beginning and ending dates between which discharges may occur the first year of the permit;	Average:	1000 m <sup>3</sup> /Day
	Maximum:	1400 m <sup>3</sup> /Day
	Startup Date:	August 4, 2021
	Ending date:	October 21, 2021

<sup>3</sup> Name or identification as used in VSSP and Waste Water Discharge Logbook.

<sup>4</sup> Vertical distance from the vertical centerline of the discharge port relative to the standard (loaded) conditions waterline.

<sup>5</sup> Treated wastewater discharge pump for the named discharge port. For vessels with variable speed / capacity pumps identify the effective discharge capacities. For vessels with more than one pump simultaneously operated identify the total effective pump capacities.

<sup>6</sup> Parallel with the Vertical Longitudinal Center Plane orientation of the hull orientation angle defined as the angle in degrees between the horizontally perpendicular projected line originating from the vertical longitudinal center plane of the hull self to the center of the discharge port, and the projected perpendicular line originating from the port center self (face) vertically directed to the center plane of the hull (Y-Y axis).

<sup>7</sup> Parallel with the Vertical Longitudinal Center Plane orientation of the hull orientation angle defined as the angle in degrees between the horizontally perpendicular projected line originating from the vertical longitudinal center plane of the hull self to the center of the discharge port, and the projected perpendicular line originating from the port center self (face) horizontally directed to the vertical center plane of the hull (X-X axis).

The type, number, and combined maximum design capacity in cubic meters per 24 hour period of all advanced wastewater treatment systems (AWTS) onboard;	Type (s) (including manufacturer, model name, model number, and year built):	Scanship AWP 60 Type II Advanced Waste Treatment System. 2019
	Number of AWTS:	1
	Combined design capacity:	1440 m3/Day
Type(s) of sewage treatment and system capacity in cubic meters per 24 hour period;	Type (s) (including manufacturer, model name, model number, and year built):  Scanship AWP 60, build: 2019  1440 m3/Day	
Type(s) of graywater treatment and system capacity in cubic meters per 24 hour period;	Type (s) (including manufacturer, model name, model number, and year built):  Scanship AWP 60, build: 2019  1440 m3/Day	
Average volume of sewage generation per day in cubic meters;	138 m3/day	
Maximum volume of sewage generation per day in cubic meters;	140 m3/day	
Average graywater generation per day in cubic meters for the following sources;	Accommodations: 800  Galley: 250  Laundry: 150  Other (list types and volumes): N/A	
Maximum graywater generation per day in cubic meters for the following sources;	Accommodations: 1200  Galley: 350  Laundry: 225  Other (list types and volumes): N/A	

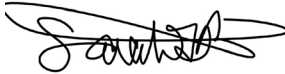
The method of handling and disposal of sludge and biosolids produced from the treatment of sewage and graywater.

Bio-residual are discharge through overboard (discharge Port "B") only when vessel is outside Alaska waters, more than 12 NM from the nearest land at speed in excess of 6 knots.

**Signature and Certification for NOI**

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I have no personal knowledge that the information submitted is other than true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature of Responsible Corporate Officer



Printed Name

Sarah Ferguson-Brown

Title/Company

Director, Environmental Operations

Date

June 14, 2021

**Submit this Notice of Intent to:**

**Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Program  
Division of Water  
Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303  
PO Box 111800  
Juneau, AK 99811-1800**