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Norma Fleek 3151 Pioneer Avenue Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Ms. Fleek:

Thank you for submitting the following comment to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program regarding the updates to the Alaska Clean Water Fund Project Priority List:

Your consideration for wastewater projects in Juneau is imperative as Juneau will not accept wastewater from Gustavus due to Pfas concerns. This leaves the residents in a unhealthy environment that needs addressing. In the long term, the acceptance of the SRF for wastewater projects for 2026 is critical as a long-term remedy. Basic community needs dictate help is required in this area. I am a resident of Juneau and landowner/part time resident in Gustavus for over 30 years.

The proposed projects that the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) has submitted for inclusion on the SRF Project Priority List including the Pyrolysis of Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS)-Impacted Biosolids and the Juneau Douglas Treatment Plant Vactor Receiving Station are considered eligible for SRF financing. The SRF Program is poised to accept loan applications when submitted.

The SRF Program is also aware of the issue that Gustavus is currently facing in regard to septage disposal. A Preliminary Engineering Report is being prepared through the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Village Safe Water (VSW) Program to evaluate alternatives for managing septage in Gustavus. As plans develop, the SRF Program is open to discussing options that may be eligible for financial assistance through the SRF Program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or Young Ha, SRF Program Manager at <u>young.ha@alaska.gov</u> or 907-269-7544.

Sincerely,

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