

**Department of Environmental Conservation
Response to Comments**

**For Domestic Wastewater Treatment Lagoons
Discharging to Surface Water**

Wastewater Treatment Facility

APDES Permit No. AKG573000

Public Noticed June 14, 2023 – July 17, 2023

July 28, 2023



**Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK 99501**

1 Introduction

1.1 Summary of Facility / Permit

General Permit AKG573000, Domestic Wastewater Treatment Lagoons Discharging to Surface Water, is the reissuance of AKG573000, previously issued on July 12, 2018. The general permit authorizes the discharge of up to 1.0 million gallons per day to either fresh or marine surface water from domestic wastewater treatment lagoons that provide equivalent to secondary or secondary treatment.

1.2 Opportunities for Public Participation

The Department of Environmental Conservation proposed to issue an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) wastewater discharge permit Domestic Wastewater Treatment Lagoons Discharging to Surface Water. To ensure public, agency, and tribal notification and opportunities for participation the Department:

- identified the permit on the annual Permit Issuance Plan posted online at: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm>
- notified local governments and potentially affected tribes that the Department would be working on this permit via letter, fax and/or email on March 16, 2023
- posted a preliminary draft of the permit on-line for a 10-day applicant review May 16, 2023, and notified tribes and other agencies
- posted the draft of the permit online for a 30-day public comment period on June 14, 2023
- posted the proposed final permit on-line for a five-day applicant review on July 20, 2023
- sent email notifications via the APDES Program List Serve when the preliminary draft, draft, and proposed final permits were available for review

The Department received comments from one individual. This document summarizes the comments and the justification for any action taken or not taken by DEC in response to the comments.

1.3 Final Permit

The final permit was adopted by the Department on July 28, 2023. There were no significant changes made to the publicly noticed permit or fact sheet.

2 Permit Coverage

2.1 Comment Summary

Permit Section 1.3.2.4

The individual requested a definition of what a significant contribution from non-domestic source(s) is and indicate the most common waste streams that have been identified in the past as being non-domestic source(s).

Response:

If the waste stream does not meet the regulatory definition of domestic, then by default it is considered non-domestic.

No changes were made to the permit or fact sheet based on this comment.