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DEC File No.: 1516.45.013

Re: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC or Department) 401 Certification of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. AK0021440

Dear Ms. Seyfried:

In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 and provisions of the Alaska Water Quality Standards, DEC is issuing the enclosed Certificate of Reasonable Assurance for the renewal of the NPDES permit for discharges of primary treated wastewater from the City of Ketchikan Charcoal Point Wastewater Treatment Plant located at Ketchikan, Alaska.

A person authorized under a provision of 18 AAC 15 may request an informal review of a contested decision by the Division Director in accordance with 18 AAC 15.185 and/or an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 18 AAC 15.195 – 18 AAC 15.340. See DEC's "Appeal a DEC Decision" web page <https://dec.alaska.gov/commish/review-guidance/> for access to the required forms and guidance on the appeal process. Please provide a courtesy copy of the adjudicatory hearing request in an electronic format to the parties required to be served under 18 AAC 15.200.

You are reminded that, even if an adjudicatory hearing has been requested and granted, all permit conditions will remain in full force and effect. Failure to submit a hearing request within thirty days of receipt of the final determination letter shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to judicial review of this decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Rypkema".

James Rypkema
Program Manager
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Enclosure: Final Certificate of Reasonable Assurance
Response to Comments