



**Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Water
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program**

**Small Suction Dredge General Permit – AKG375000
Permit Requirements – Frequently Asked Questions**

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Small Suction Dredge Placer Miners General Permit covers suction dredges with intake diameters up to 6 inches and pump sizes up to 18 hp (fresh water) or 23 hp (marine water) and highbankers discharging to waters of the U.S.

Attention: DEC modified the Small Suction Dredge General Permit on January 30, 2026 to remove Discharge Registration requirements for most locations. See details below.

What is required? All operations must maintain copies of the Small Suction Dredge General Permit (<https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/mining/>) and any required ADF&G Fish Habitat Permits on site. Operations in the locations described below must also complete annual Discharge Registrations. Registrations are not required for any other locations.

What locations require annual Discharge Registrations? Discharge Registrations are only required for the following locations:

- **Impaired Waters** in the following mining districts:
 - o Circle District: Eagle, Gold Dust, Crooked, Boulder, Deadwood, & Ketchem Creeks
 - o Fairbanks District: Goldstream Creek (headwaters to Spinach Cr.) and all tributaries
- **Marine or Estuarine Waters** (excluding State recreational mining areas and Norton Sound offshore mining claims and leases)
- **Federal Reserves** (specifically, National Park System Units, Monuments, Sanctuaries, Wildlife Refuges, Conservation Areas, or Wilderness Areas)

How is the registration completed? Operations described above must complete annual online registrations through the Environmental Data Management System (EDMS) prior to discharging.

- Step 1. Navigate to the registration home page at <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/edms>.
- Step 2. Click on the [EDMS Production Application](#) link at the top of the page.
- Step 3. Follow the link to create a new EDMS account or sign in as an existing user. A MyAlaska account is required and can be created during the process.
- Step 4. Log in, click Start a New Form, and select the Small Suction Dredge Registration.
- Step 5. Create a site (e.g., *Jones Small Suction Dredge Site*) or select an existing site.
- Step 6. Complete the questionnaire and \$25 payment and look for an emailed registration.

What if I have limited internet capabilities? To keep future permit costs to a minimum, DEC strongly encourages online submittals whenever possible. Operators lacking internet capabilities can contact DEC or visit an office location to discuss options for submitting a hardcopy form.

EDMS Website Tech Support: Phone: 907-465-5353; Email: edms.help@alaska.gov

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