



PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) INDIVIDUAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:

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Draft Permit Public Notice Period:

Public Notice Start Date: 11/20/2024

Public Notice Expiration Date: 12/23/2024 at 11:59 pm Alaska Standard Time

Permit Number: AK0022497

Applicant:

City of Palmer
City of Palmer Wastewater Treatment Facility
1316 S. Bonanza St.
Palmer, AK 99645
Mailing Address:
City of Palmer WWTF
1802 S. Brooks Rd.
Palmer, AK 99645

Proposed Project and Location:

Facility Activity: Discharge of secondary treated domestic wastewater from the City of Palmer Wastewater Treatment Facility. Discharge shall occur at a daily maximum flow rate of 1.5 million gallons per day (mgd).

Discharge Location: The City of Palmer Wastewater Treatment Facility discharges to an Unnamed Stream braid of the Matanuska River at latitude: 61.559722° North and longitude: -149.110000° West.

Description of Discharge: The permitted outfall discharges secondary treated domestic wastewater with an average discharge flow of 0.66 mgd. The permit requires monitoring for the following parameters: biological oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), BOD and TSS percent removal, pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, fecal coliform bacteria, Escherichia coli, total ammonia as nitrogen, total recoverable copper, total recoverable lead, total recoverable nickel and whole effluent toxicity.

Mixing Zone: No mixing zone is authorized for this permit.

The City of Palmer owns and operates the City of Palmer Wastewater Treatment Facility. The treated wastewater from the facility is discharged to the Unnamed Stream.

Tentative Determination:

DEC has tentatively determined to reissue a discharge permit to the above listed applicant.

Public Comments:

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft permit must be submitted within 30 days of the issuance of this public notice. Any person desiring to comment on the permit may direct written

comments and requests to the attention of the DEC contact/permit writer at the email address or postal address identified above.

All comments should include the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the commenter and a concise statement of comment on the permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comment is based. Comments of either support or concern that are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments and requests must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

DEC will consider all comments when making the final decision and will respond to received comments in a Response to Comments document issued when DEC issues a final permit. The Response to Comments will be made available to the public.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number. DEC will hold a public hearing whenever DEC finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. DEC may also hold a public hearing if a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in a permit decision or for other good reason in DEC's discretion.

DEC will transmit the final permit, fact sheet (amended as appropriate), and Response to Comments to anyone who provided comments during the public review period or requested to be notified of DEC final decision.

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:
12/23/2024 at 11:59 p.m. Alaska Standard Time**

Administrative Record:

The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, permit application, and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Soldotna, and Wasilla. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

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If you would like further information or to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact James DeMolina. The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>.

To receive email notifications about the APDES Program, including when permits are available to review, subscribe to the APDES email list at <http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/DEC-APDES/>.

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