

# STATE OF ALASKA

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF WATER  
WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PROGRAMS**

July 6, 2005

Dear Interested Party:

The 2004 Alaska Legislature passed a law that adds a provision to Alaska Statute (AS) 46.03.100 allowing the Department of Environmental Conservation to establish in regulation the ability to approve certain categories of wastewater discharge that meet particular location and operational requirements, discharge limits, and minimum standards and best management practices. These authorizations by regulation, or "permits by rule," will establish a streamlined process for department approval of specific categories of wastewater disposal.

This letter summarizes the new regulations the department proposes. *Please read the draft regulations to be sure you are familiar with the details proposed.* A copy of the proposed regulations is available on the Internet at [http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/online\\_permitting/camppbr\\_index.htm](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/online_permitting/camppbr_index.htm) or you can obtain a copy by contacting David Johnson (907) 262-5210 ext. 238 or [David\\_Johnson@dec.state.ak.us](mailto:David_Johnson@dec.state.ak.us).

The proposed regulations:

- establish a new article, 18 AAC 72.700 Permit by Rule, that provides for authorization by regulation for certain categories of wastewater disposal.
- establish a permit by rule for disposal of human wastes and graywater at small camp facilities, including eligibility criteria, notification requirements, minimum standards and practices for the disposal, and fee requirements.
- establish a permit by rule for disposal of human wastes and graywater at larger camp facilities, including eligibility criteria, notification requirements, minimum standards and practices for the disposal, and fee requirements.

A statewide public workshop (not a formal hearing) on the proposed regulations will be held via call-in teleconference on July 28, 2005 at 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.. To participate, you should call into telephone number: 800-315-6338, code # 5210.

The public comment period on the proposed regulations summarized in this letter is from July 6, 2005 to August 9, 2005. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2005. Comments may be sent by mail, FAX, or e-mail to:

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Your comments are important and will be carefully considered. Once the regulations are final, we will prepare a summary of all the comments received and the changes made to the regulations as a result. If changes were not made, we will explain why. This summary will be available on the Internet at [http://www.dcc.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/online\\_permitting/camppbr\\_index.htm](http://www.dcc.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/online_permitting/camppbr_index.htm) and will be provided to all who submit written comments on the proposed regulations.

Thank you for taking the time and effort to review and comment on these proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Johnson, PE, Manager  
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