



PUBLIC NOTICE

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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AN
ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES)
GENERAL 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 the documents, contact:

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Draft Permit Public Notice Period:

Public Notice Start Date: December 7, 2014
Public Notice Expiration Date: January 12, 2015

Permit Numbers: AKG700000 and AKG701000

Permit Names: Clean Water Act Section 402 Modifications of Section 404 Permits for Log Transfer Facilities in Alaska Which Received a Section 404 Permit Prior to October 22, 1985 (AKG700000), and Log Transfer Facilities in Alaska (AKG701000).

Proposed Permit Coverage:

Permit Coverage: DEC proposes to reissue two APDES general permits to log transfer facilities (LTFs) in Alaska. The general permits authorize and set conditions on the discharge of pollutants from LTFs to waters of the United States located in the State of Alaska.

The general permits area of coverage includes marine waters of the U.S. located in the State of Alaska extending west from the Alexander Archipelago through the central Gulf of Alaska and Prince William Sound to Kodiak Island.

LTFs that received a Section 404 permit issued by the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers prior to October 22, 1985, and never applied for, or received an Environmental Protection Agency individual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, are eligible for

coverage under Permit Number AKG700000.

New LTFs, and LTFs that previously received either a NPDES or APDES discharge permit, are eligible for coverage under Permit Number AKG701000.

Description of Discharge: The LTF general permits authorize the discharge of bark and wood debris to marine waters of the U.S. located in the State of Alaska within site-specific project areas at each LTF. The LTF general permits propose to authorize discharges for each LTF within the area described in a Department of Natural Resources or other land management authority's tidelands permit, lease or easement.

Zone of Deposit: The LTF general permits include a zone of deposit for underwater accumulation of bark and woody debris within the project area at LTFs.

Tentative Determination:

DEC has tentatively determined to reissue the two general permits for the activity described above.

Public Comments:

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft general permit must be submitted within **37** days of the issuance of this public notice. Please direct written comments to the attention of Chris Foley at the address or email identified above. All comments should include the name, address, and telephone number 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 which are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments 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.

DEC anticipates significant public interest in the draft permits and will hold joint hearings and public meetings at the following dates, times, and locations:

Ketchikan, AK	Juneau, AK
Date: January 6, 2015 Ketchikan Public Library Large Multipurpose Room, 1110 Copper Ridge Lane Ketchikan AK 99901 Open House: 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM Presentation: 5:15 PM – 5:45 PM Testimony: 5:45 PM – 7:45 PM	Date: January 7, 2015 Department of Environmental Conservation's Large Conference Room, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, AK 99811-1800 Open House: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM Presentation: 5:30 PM – 6 PM Testimony: 6PM – 8 PM

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
January 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. AST

Administrative Record:

The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, and associated documents are available for public review at the ADEC offices located in Anchorage and Juneau. 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 to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact Chris Foley.

The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm>

To receive email notifications about the APDES Program, including when permits are available to review, follow the link below to join the APDES email list.

http://dec.alaska.gov/water/npdes/npdes_email_list.htm

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