



NOTICE OF REVIEW

Clean Water Act Section §401 Certification

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

FINAL RESPONSE TO COMMENTS CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 CERTIFICATION NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)

Following the close of the 45-day public notice of Clean Water Act Section 401 Certificate of Reasonable Assurance for the draft City of Ketchikan Charcoal Point Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Permit AK0021444 renewal, DEC has prepared responses for the comments received. DEC's Final Response to Comments can be accessed at DEC's Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program web page at: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/> Comments were accepted during Public Notice and will not be accepted during this review period.

Final Response to Comments Review:

Start Date: September 30, 2025

End Date: October 31, 2025, 11:59 p.m. Alaska Standard Time

NPDES Permit No.: AK0021440

Nature of Activity and Location:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) public noticed the draft City of Ketchikan Charcoal Point Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Permit No. AK0021440 on April 15, 2025 for 45-days and requested DEC provide the draft permit a Clean Water Act Section 401 certification. The permit is a renewal of the City of Ketchikan's Clean Water Act Section 301(h) modified AK0021440 permit issued by EPA in 2001.

DEC's Draft Certificate of Reasonable of Assurance was public noticed concurrently with the draft NPDES City of Ketchikan Charcoal Point Wastewater Treatment Plant permit. DEC received comments on the Draft Certificate of Reasonable Assurance and has prepared a Final Response to Comments document.

The activity is located at 55° 21' 21.8" north latitude, 131° 42' 09.8" west longitude, near Ketchikan, Alaska with discharge of primary treated domestic wastewater to Tongass Narrows.

Determination:

DEC has issued a Final Certificate of Reasonable Assurance for NPDES Permit No. AK0021440.

Informal Reviews and Adjudicatory Hearings:

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. Requests must be submitted no later than the deadline specified in 18 AAC 15 based on the date of this notice.

DEC Contact: Marie Klingman, 610 University Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99709, 907-451-2101, marie.klingman@alaska.gov

Administrative Record:

The Final Response to Comments 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 to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact Marie Klingman. The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>

Disability Reasonable Accommodation **Notice**

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Kristin Mabry at kristin.mabry@alaska.gov or 1-907- 334-0884, Alaska Relay Service/TTY/TDD 1-800-770-8973, or 711 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.