



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) GENERAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

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Draft Permit Public Notice Period:

Public Notice Start Date: March 23, 2022
Public Notice Expiration Date: April 21, 2022

Permit Number: AKG380025

Applicant:

City of Kotzebue
Kotzebue Water Treatment Plant
602A Grayling Street
Kotzebue, AK 99752

Proposed Permit Coverage:

Permit Coverage: The proposed authorization under general permit AKG380000, Wastewater Discharges from Drinking Water Treatment Facilities, authorizes the temporary discharge of nano-filtrate (NF) occurring after the commissioning of the Kotzebue Water Treatment plant (WTP). The NF concentrate consists of reject water that is expelled as part of the drinking water treatment process.

Description of Discharge: The proposed temporary outfall located at 66° 53' 49" North latitude and 162° 34' 35" West longitude, will occur through a six-inch line suspended approximately six feet (ft) above the water from the footbridge that crosses the northern waterway in Swan Lake connecting to Kotzebue Slough. The maximum daily flow for the Kotzebue WTP is 78,000 gallons per day (gpd), with an average daily rate of 38,880 gpd. The main potential or expected pollutants present in the discharge are manganese and pH.

Mixing Zone: The temporary Outfall 001 mixing zone is defined as the area of Swan Lake – Kotzebue Slough with a length of 23 ft and a width of 11 ft. While this is an interim location only, both the antideg and mixing zone determination will apply to the eventual permanent outfall.

Tentative Determination:

DEC has tentatively determined to issue a discharge permit for the activity described above.

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 submit comments electronically via the DEC public notice site (**preferred**) at <https://water.alaskadec.commentinput.com/?id=FUh3G>. Alternatively, you 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, telephone number, and email address. 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:
4/21/2022 at 11:59 p.m.**

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 Amber Bennett. The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>.

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