

Department of Environmental Conservation

DIVISION OF WATER Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program

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Subject: Permit Issuance Plan 2025-2026

Dear Local and Tribal Government Leaders:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water (DOW) has completed a Permit Issuance Plan (PIP) for the 2025-2026 calendar years. The PIP is enclosed and lists wastewater discharge permits the agency anticipates working on and issuing during calendar years 2025-2026. The PIP describes the planned permits by facility name, permit number, and water body into which the wastewater discharge would occur. The PIP is updated annually and is also available on the DEC website under the Resources section at: http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/.

You are receiving this letter because DOW routinely identifies and notifies local and tribal governments who have the potential to be affected by a proposed permitting activity. Local and tribal governments can also self-identify as potentially affected by a proposed permitting activity by contacting DOW. By self-identifying as potentially affected by a permit that DOW is proposing to issue, a local or tribal government will receive periodic notices identifying when a version (e.g., draft) of the permit is noticed. Further, if the local or tribal government engages with DOW early on, you can communicate local and traditional knowledge to be considered in the permit development process. DOW strongly encourages that you review the PIP to determine if proposed permitting activities are of interest. DOW encourages participation throughout the permitting process, including during permit development.

Public involvement opportunities are described in the APDES Permitting Process - Public Participation document. The Public Participation document is available on the DOW website at http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/ under the Resources section, and hard copies will be mailed upon request. Involvement opportunities specific to local and tribal governments are described in the APDES Guidance for Local and Tribal Governments. The Local and Tribal Government guidance is available on the DOW website at https://dec.alaska.gov/water/tribal-communications/ under the Resources section and will be mailed upon request. For more information about the PIP or participation opportunities, contact Gina Shirey at gina.shirey@alaska.gov or (907) 465-5272.

In order to identify and notify local and tribal governments that are potentially affected by proposed permitting activities, DOW maintains a contact directory. Please help ensure notifications are received by updating us of any changes to contact information by using the enclosed Update Contact Information form. The form can be mailed to DEC, Wastewater

Discharge Authorization Program, Attention: Gina Shirey, PO Box 111800, Juneau, AK, 99811-1800; returned by fax to (907) 465-5177; or scanned and emailed to gina.shirey@alaska.gov.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with you to develop sound permits based on a full understanding of local conditions.

Sincerely,

Gina Shirey

Local and Tribal Government Coordinator

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Update Contact Information Form