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Subject: **Early notification** of wastewater discharge permit for AKR100000 – Construction General Permit (CGP)

Dear Local and Tribal Government Leaders

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) proposes to reissue an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) individual permit AKR100000 for the Construction General Permit.

Background Information

Construction activities regulated under the CGP include road building or upgrades, building construction or remodeling, airport expansion, village sanitation projects, land clearing, grading, adding fill to a site, or other activities that disturb one or more acres of land.

Description of Discharge

The goal of the permit is to reduce or eliminate storm water pollution from construction activity by using appropriate control measures at the site. Control measures include methods used to prevent or reduce erosion and the resulting discharge of pollutants to area waters. Uncontrolled storm water may carry sediment, debris, leaked fuel and other harmful fluids to ditches, storm drains, or local water bodies. The CGP will regulate only the storm water related to construction. The construction activity may also require permits from other agencies.

General Permit Additional Information

Any operator that meets the eligibility requirements of the general permit will be authorized to discharge after filing a Notice of Intent (NOI) with DEC so long as all conditions of the permit are met. The public has an opportunity to comment and provide information for this general permit; however, public notice will not be issued for individual NOIs submitted by qualified facilities. The general permit will expire five years after the effective date.

Opportunities for Tribal and Local Government Participation in this Permitting Decision

DEC recognizes rural Alaska has unique needs and considerations with regard to wastewater discharges and strives to issue permits that reflect a full understanding of local conditions. This letter is intended as an **early notice** to assist you in determining whether your community may be affected and inform you of the opportunity to provide traditional, cultural, or other local information that DEC should consider as part of this permit reissuance. DEC would like to know how your area and resources may be affected by this permitting action.

Next Steps

After the permit is drafted, there will be a **10 day applicant review period** of the preliminary draft permit. Following the applicant review period, there will be a minimum of a **30 day public review and comment period**. I will provide a copy of the public notice for the permit by mail or e-mail at the start of the public comment period. After the public review and comment period, there will be a **5 day applicant review period** of the final draft permit before the permit is issued.

If requested, I can also provide notice of the preliminary draft and proposed final applicant review periods. Due to the short timeframes for those reviews, notices are sent by email or fax. Please provide an email address or fax number if you would like to receive notices for the preliminary draft and proposed final applicant review periods.

If you would like more information or would like to provide DEC with information about this permit, please do not hesitate to contact me at 907-465-5272 or via email: Gina.Shirey@alaska.gov; for technical questions about the permit, you may also directly contact the permit writer, Nick Waldo at (907) 907-465-5270 or via email Nick.Waldo@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Gina Shirey
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Local and Tribal Government Coordinator

Enclosure: Tribal Involvement in the Permitting Process postcard

cc: Potentially Affected Local Governments

Potentially Affected Federally – Recognized Indian Tribes

Tribal Involvement in the Permitting Process postcard:

