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

A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:

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Draft Permit Public Notice Period:
Public Notice Start Date: **August 2, 2016**
Public Notice Expiration Date: **September 2, 2016**

Permit No.:
AKG870000

Permit Name:
Pesticide General Permit (PGP) For Discharges from the Application of Pesticides

Proposed Permit Coverage:

ADEC proposes to reissue an APDES general permit to regulate source discharges of pollutants associated with the application of biological pesticides or chemical pesticides that leave a residue. This permit is commonly called the Pesticide General Permit (PGP). The PGP would apply statewide except for lands within the Metlakatla Indian Reserve and the Denali National Park Preserve.

The PGP covers point source discharges of pollutants associated with the application of biological pesticides or chemical pesticides that leave a residue from the following use patterns: 1) mosquito and other flying insect pest control; 2) aquatic weed and algae control; 3) aquatic nuisance animal control; and 4) forest canopy pest control. The proposed 2016 PGP will remain largely unchanged from the 2011 PGP that was previously issued by EPA in 2011, from which Alaska assumed transfer of program responsibilities in October 2012 as part of the APDES program. The 2011 PGP expires on October 31, 2016. No mixing zone is proposed in the PGP.

Tentative Determination:
DEC has tentatively determined to reissue a discharge permit 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 **30** days of the issuance of this public notice. Please direct written comments to the attention of Jim Rypkema 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.

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 and telephone number. 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
September 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. ADT

Administrative Record:
The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, and associated documents are available for public review at the ADEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, 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 Jim Rypkema.

The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at:
http://dec.alaska.gov/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