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ADEC File Number: 920.45.021

George Wright  
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Re: **Authorization 2009DB0026-0009 Rev. 1, Golden Princess**

Dear Mr. Wright:

In response to your recent letter, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) authorizes continued operation of the *Golden Princess* under the administratively extended Large Commercial Passenger Vessel Wastewater Discharge General Permit No 2009DB0026 (hereinafter 2010 GP), and has issued the enclosed Authorization 2009DB0026-00xx Revision x. The original authorization letter issued to you on May 14, 2010 included an expiration date of April 22, 2013. As you know, the Alaska State Legislature recently passed HB 80, which updated AS 46.03.462 to allow the Department to administratively extend the 2010 GP. The attached updated authorization letter and the administratively extended 2010 GP reflect the new expiration date of December 15, 2015. Except for minor technical changes made to the 2010 GP and the enclosed authorization in order to administratively extend the permit as provided for by the recent statutory amendments, all other previously existing permit terms and conditions remain in effect..

DEC reviewed your Notice of Intent (NOI) and Vessel Specific Sampling Plan (VSSP) that Princess Cruise Line submitted on May 11, 2010 for the *Golden Princess* Based upon that review, DEC authorized the *Golden Princess* for underway discharge of treated wastewater and the continuous discharge of graywater into Alaska marine waters. The *Golden Princess* must continue to take samples and meet the effluent limits found in Table 1 and Table 2 of the administratively extended 2010 GP. All other permit conditions and deadlines must also be met. Any changes made to the wastewater treatment installation or sampling port must be documented in the most recent approved VSSP prior to sampling in 2013.

Any person who disagrees with this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 18 AAC 15.195 - 18 AAC 15.340 or an informal review by the Division Director in accordance with 18 AAC 15.185. Informal review requests must be delivered to the Director of Water, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, within 15 days of receipt of the permit decision. Adjudicatory hearing requests

must be delivered to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Ave., Suite 303, P.O. Box 111800, Juneau, Alaska 99811-1800, within 30 days from the date of the permit decision. If a hearing is not requested within 30 days, the right to appeal is waived.

If you have any technical questions concerning this authorization, please contact me at [robert.edwardson@alaska.gov](mailto:robert.edwardson@alaska.gov) or (907) 465-5312.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert H. Edwardson". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert Edwardson

Cruise Ship Program Manager

Enclosure: Authorization 2009DB0026-0009 Rev1



## AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE

Alaska Department of  
Environmental Conservation  
Division of Water  
Cruise Ship Program

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE LARGE COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSEL  
WASTEWATER DISCHARGE GENERAL PERMIT NO. 2009DB0026

**FACILITY ASSIGNED AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: 2009DB0026-0009**  
**Revision 1**

**GENERAL PERMIT NUMBER: 2009DB0026**  
See this General Permit for all permit requirements.

The following facility is authorized to discharge in accordance with the terms of the State of Alaska General Permit 2009DB0026 and any specific requirements listed in this authorization.

The authorization effective date is **May 14, 2010**.

The authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, **on the expiration or termination date of General Permit 2009DB0026**.

The permittee must reapply for an authorization when the Department issues a General Permit that replaces 2009DB0026 if the permittee intends to continue operations and discharges from the facility.

### SECTION 1 - RESPONSIBLE PARTY INFORMATION

Issued to:	Princess Cruise Line
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### SECTION 2 - FACILITY INFORMATION

ADEC File Number	920.45.021
Facility Name:	<i>Golden Princess</i>
Type of Wastewater Authorized for Discharge:	Treated Wastewater (mixed) Graywater
Type of Wastewater Treatment System and Disinfection:	Hamworthy MBR
Type of Authorization:	Authorized for continuous discharge of graywater and the underway discharge of treated wastewater treated through a Hamworthy wastewater treatment system configuration as approved by the Department in the current Vessel Specific Sampling Plan.

<b>SECTION 3 - REGULATED DISCHARGE INFORMATION - EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<b>Effluent Compliance Point:</b>	Wastewater effluent sampling port(s) identified in the Department approved Vessel Specific Sampling Plan.
<b>Special Conditions:</b>	The <i>Golden Princess</i> is authorized to discharge treated wastewater into Alaska marine waters while underway at speeds above 6 knots. The <i>Golden Princess</i> is authorized to discharge treated graywater into Alaska marine waters continuously.
<b>Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)</b>	The <i>Golden Princess</i> must submit a DMR with effluent limits for the Hamworthy wastewater treatment system that is found at the back of the GP or available on the Department's website: ( <a href="http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/cruise_ships/gp/10gp.html">http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/cruise_ships/gp/10gp.html</a> ) or on a similar form approved by the Department.

<b>SECTION 4 - RECEIVING AREA INFORMATION-RECEIVING WATER</b>	
<b>Receiving Area Name:</b>	Marine waters of the state of Alaska as defined in the general permit, 2009DB0026.

If you have any technical questions regarding this authorization or the requirements of the general permit, please contact the Cruise Program Manager at (907) 465-5312.

<b>SECTION 5 - CERTIFICATION/SIGNATURE</b>
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 Robert H. Edwardson  
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*Printed Name*

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 3/26/13  
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