

**WASTEWATER DISPOSAL FEES: NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC
HEARING ON PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is proposing to revise fees in the Wastewater Disposal and Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System regulations.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) proposes to adopt regulation changes in 18 AAC 72 Wastewater Disposal and 18 AAC 83 Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with fees for wastewater discharges, including the following:

- (1) 18 AAC 72.440 is proposed to be changed as follows: increase the certified installer and homeowner installer certification fee.
- (2) 18 AAC 72.955 is proposed to be changed as follows: repeal and readopt the plan review and related fees table; change some fees to negotiated fees; establish new fees; remove the exemption for charitable organizations; and add language to establish a fee for searching, retrieving, and copying wastewater documents.
- (3) 18 AAC 72.956 is proposed to be changed as follows: repeal and readopt the general permit authorization fees, establish news fees, change some fees to negotiated fees, and add language to prorate application fees for applications received late in the year.
- (4) 18 AAC 72.957 is proposed to be changed as follows: repeal and readopt the individual permit authorization fees, establish news fees, change some fees to negotiated fees, and add language to prorate application fees for applications received late in the year.
- (5) 18 AAC 72.959 is proposed to be changed as follows: add language to address hourly and negotiated fees for an activity necessary to authorize a discharge.
- (6) 18 AAC 83.905 is proposed to be changed as follows: add language to address hourly and negotiated fees for an activity necessary to authorize a discharge.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Gina Shirey at ADEC Division of Water, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303, Juneau, AK 99811. Additionally, ADEC will accept comments by facsimile at 907-465-5177 and by electronic mail at dec.water.2016.regulations@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 5:00 pm on June 3, 2016.

ADEC published a public notice regarding these proposed changes on April 18, 2016. In the public notice, ADEC announced that a public hearing for these proposed regulations was tentatively scheduled for May 25, 2016 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at the ADEC Building, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Second Floor Main Conference Room, Juneau, AK 99811. **ADEC did not receive a request to hold the public hearing by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, as required in the original public notice. Therefore, the public hearing will not be held.**

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Gina Shirey by e-mail to dec.water.2016.regulations@alaska.gov and by mail to 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303, Juneau, AK 99811. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The ADEC will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Division of Water's homepage at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Natalie Wolfe at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 seven days prior the public hearing to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Gina Shirey at dec.water.2016.regulations@alaska.gov or (907) 465-5272.

After the public comment period ends, the ADEC will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.** Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory authority: AS 37.10.052; AS 37.10.054; AS 40.25.110; AS 44.46.020; AS 46.03.020; AS 46.03.050; AS 46.03.100; AS 46.03.710

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 44.46.025; AS 46.03.010; AS 46.03.020; AS 46.03.050; AS 46.03.100; AS 46.03.110

Fiscal information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.