

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region 10  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98101

In Re:

MUNICIPALITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY  
APPLICATION FOR SECTION 301 (h)  
VARIANCE FROM THE SECONDARY  
TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
CLEAN WATER ACT

TENTATIVE DECISION  
OF THE REGIONAL  
ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT  
TO 40 CFR PART 125  
SUBPART G

The attached evaluation analyzes the merits of the application of the Municipality of Wrangell, Alaska, Wastewater Treatment Facility, a publicly owned treatment works, for a renewal of their variance from the secondary treatment requirements of the Clean Water Act, as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987 (the Act) pursuant to Section 301(h). It is my tentative decision that the Wrangell Wastewater Treatment Facility be granted renewal of the variance in accordance with the terms, conditions and limitations of the attached evaluation. This determination is subject to concurrence by the State of Alaska as required by Section 301(h) of the Act. USEPA Region 10 has prepared a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in accordance with this decision.

Because my decision is based on available evidence specific to this particular discharge, it is not intended to assess the need for secondary treatment in general, nor does it reflect on the necessity for secondary treatment by other publicly owned treatment works discharging to the marine environment. This decision and the NPDES permit implementing this decision are subject to revision on the basis of subsequently acquired information relating to the impacts of the less-than-secondary discharge on the marine environment.

Pursuant to the procedure of the NPDES Permit Regulations, 40 CFR Part 124, a public notice will be issued including the comment procedures that are available to interested persons in regard to this decision and its accompanying draft NPDES permit.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Acting Regional Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
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