

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C.

In re: Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., Valdez Marine Terminal

NPDES Permit No. AK-002324-8

NPDES Appeal No. 12-04

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On December 20, 2012, Region 10 ("Region") of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") filed a motion seeking an extension of time to respond to a petition for review of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit issued on November 29, 2012, to Alyeska Pipeline Service Company ("Alyeska"). The permit authorizes wastewater discharges from the Valdez Marine Terminal into Port Valdez. The Region's response to the petition for review, filed by Alyeska, is presently due on Friday, January 25, 2013.

In its motion, the Region requests an extension of twenty-eight (28) days, through Friday, February 22, 2013, to respond to Alyeska's petition. The Region seeks this additional time to review several complex, technical issues raised in the petition related to whole effluent toxicity ("WET") testing and associated triggers. Motion for Extension at 1 (Dec. 20, 2012). The Region also avers that several other factors, including the scheduled leave of the Region's counsel, the intervening holidays, and the time necessary to coordinate its response with EPA headquarters mitigates in favor of the Board granting the extension of time so that the Region can respond most effectively. *Id.* at 1-2. The Region also notes that it has consulted Alyeska, and that Alyeska does not oppose the Region's request for an extension of time to file a response.

For good cause shown, the Board hereby GRANTS the Region's motion for an extension of time. The Region shall file a response to the petition for review on or before Friday, February 22, 2013.

So ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Date: January 8,2013

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Kathie A. Stein Environmental Appeals Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Order Granting Motion for Extension of Time in the matter of Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., NPDES Appeal No. 12-04, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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