



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

Docket Number: CWA-10-2025-0002, NPDES No. AK0020010
Penalty Amount: \$1,613, Inspection Date: May 31, 2024

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HEARING CLERK

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Municipality of Skagway ("Respondent"), a "person" within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5), and 40 C.F.R. § 122.2, enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") to resolve Respondent's civil penalty liability for alleged violations of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit cited above ("Permit").

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region 10
Fines and Penalties, Cincinnati Finance Center
In the Matter of: Municipality of Skagway
Docket No.: CWA-10-2025-0002
P.O. Box 979078
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

The EPA finds that Respondent failed to comply with the Permit, that the Permit was issued pursuant to section 402 of the Clean Water Act (Act), 33 U.S.C. § 1342, that Respondent is a "person" as defined in section 502(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5), and that Respondent is responsible for the violations specified in the attached Expedited Settlement Offer Worksheet Violations Form for Wastewater ("Violations Form"). The Violations Form is incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

Respondent agrees that consistent with section 162(f)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(1), it will not deduct the penalties paid under this Agreement for federal tax purposes.

The EPA also finds, and Respondent admits, that the EPA has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to section 309(g) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), and 40 C.F.R. part 22. Respondent neither admits nor denies the violations specified in the Violations Form.

This Agreement, upon incorporation into a Final Order and full satisfaction by the parties, shall be a complete and full resolution of Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in the Violations Form. This Agreement does not affect the right of the EPA or the United States to pursue additional violations not specifically listed in the Violations Form or appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law. Nothing in this Agreement shall relieve Respondent of the duty to comply with the Act and any regulation, order, or permit issued pursuant to the Act.

Respondent agrees to pay a penalty of \$1,613. Respondent waives the rights (1) to contest the statements in the Violations Form and (2) to appeal any final order that an EPA Regional Judicial Officer may issue to ratify this Agreement (Final Order). By signing this Agreement, Respondent waives any rights or defenses that Respondent has or may have for this matter to be resolved in federal court, including but not limited to any right to a jury trial, and waives any right to challenge the lawfulness of the final order accompanying the Agreement.

Prior to requesting that an EPA Regional Judicial Officer issue the Final Order, EPA will provide a copy of the Agreement to the state of Alaska for the purposes of consultation with Alaska on the appropriateness of this Agreement. EPA will also provide public notice of this Agreement and a reasonable opportunity for public comment on it. EPA will address any comments on the Agreement in accordance with section 309(g)(4) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.45.

Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that any violations identified in the Violations Form have been corrected. No later than the date it signs this Agreement, Respondent shall submit an itemized list to the EPA detailing the specific actions taken to correct the violations cited in the Violations Form.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and becomes final 30 days from the date it signed is by the Regional Judicial Officer, unless a petition to set aside this Agreement is filed by a commenter pursuant to Section 309(g)(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1391(g)(5), following public notice of this Agreement.

Respondent certifies that, within ten (10) days after receipt of the Final Order, Respondent will submit electronic payment via www.pay.gov or submit a bank, cashiers, or certified check, with case name and docket number noted, for the amount specified above, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," via certified mail, to:

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:
Name
(print): Brad Ryan
Title
(print): Borough Manager
Signature: Date: 10/09/2024

APPROVED BY EPA:

Edward J. Kowalski, Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

More than 40 days have elapsed since providing the Agreement to Alaska and the issuance of public notice pursuant to Section 309(g)(1) and (4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(1) and (4)(A), and EPA has received no comments concerning this matter.

Nicolas Haddad, Case Officer
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Having determined that this Agreement is authorized by law,
IT IS SO ORDERED:

Regional Judicial Officer
Region 10
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency