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Special Public Notice

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ISSUANCE DATE:	November 12, 2020
REFERENCE NUMBER:	POA-2007-00372-M2
EXPIRATION DATE:	November 27, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE REVISION

On April 12, 2019, the Alaska District Corps of Engineers (Corps) published a Public Notice (PN) for Department of the Army (DA) permit number POA-2007-00372-M1, to reissue and modify Rational General Permit (RGP) 2007-00372-M1 under authority of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403). This RGP would authorize suction dredge activities off floating structures or vessels in navigable waters of the United States (U.S.), for the purpose of mineral recovery in the State of Alaska

This revised PN hereby clarifies the following:

- **LIMITATIONS TO EQUIPMENT:** The RGP is intended solely for suction dredging off floating structures or vessels in navigable waters of the U.S. Furthermore, for all non-reporting operations, the Permittee will be restricted to a suction nozzle size of 10 inches or less. For operations with a nozzle size larger than 10 inches, a Preconstruction Notification Form must be filed with the Corps to either confirm their operation qualifies under this RGP or if a Standard Permit is required.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

All other information contained in the previous notice remains the same. If reissued, this RGP will be in effect for five more years and will be renamed RGP 2007-00372-M2 (RGP-03).

The Corps is accepting comments for the next 15 days on our intent to modify and reissue this RGP. Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this PN to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Joshua Moffi at 907-753-2708, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, by fax at (907) 753-5567, or by email at Joshua.H.Moffi@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosure

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program (WDAP) / 401 Certification

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-2617
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice (PN) Reference Number **POA-2007-00372**, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify there is reasonable assurance the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project with respect to Water Quality Certification, may submit written comments to the address above or via email to dec-401cert@alaska.gov by the expiration date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice. All comments should include the PN reference number listed above. Mailed comments must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

Disability Reasonable Accommodation Notice

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Kate Orozco at 907-465-6171 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 5 days of the expiration date of this public notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.