

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

In Re:

CITY OF KETCHIKAN  
CHARCOAL POINT  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT,  
APPLICATION FOR SECTION 301(h)  
VARIANCE FROM THE SECONDARY  
TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
CLEAN WATER ACT.

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

The City of Ketchikan requested a variance, pursuant to Section 301(h) of the Clean Water Act, from secondary treatment requirements for the Charcoal Point Wastewater Treatment Plant, a publicly owned treatment works. A tentative decision to grant this variance was issued by the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, on October 15, 2000.

The tentative decision document, draft permit, and fact sheet, which discussed the tentative approval, were made available for public review on October 13, 2000. Comments received during the thirty day public comment period have been addressed in the attached document titled "Response to Comments". The document also summarizes the changes made to the permit as a result of the comments received. The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation, provided a certification that the permit complies with State Water Quality Standards, under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, on December 21, 2000. The State of Alaska, Division of Governmental Coordination issued a Final Consistency Determination for this action on December 21, 2000. The determination finds the project consistent with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. It is my final decision to issue the City of Ketchikan a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (Permit No. AK-002144-0) incorporating a Section 301(h) variance for its Charcoal Point Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This permit will become effective on the date indicated on the above referenced permit unless an appeal is filed with the Environmental Appeals Board which meets the requirements of 40 CFR 124.19.

Dated: 27 December 2000

/s/ Randall S. Smith for

Charles E. Findley  
Acting Regional Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 10