



March 7, 2023  
John Barry, P.E.

**RE: Gustavus Septage/Sludge Holding Tank Facility  
Tract A, ASLS 2005-50  
Two Holding Tanks for Septage  
Design Flow – 20,000 gallons  
Approval to Construct**

Greetings Mr. Barry,

On January 31, 2023 the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC or Department) received a submittal requesting construction approval for the Gustavus Septage Holding Tank Facility located in Gustavus, AK. The information was reviewed in accordance with Wastewater Disposal Regulations 18 AAC 72 and **construction approval is granted**. Enclosed is the Construction and Operation Certificate with the Approval to Construct section signed.

### **Project Description**

The approved project includes installation of two Xerxes double walled 10,000 gallon holding tanks, equipped with high level liquid alarms. This tank facility will be city owned and has come into contract with Juneau Septic Services for regular scheduled pumping.

### **Approval to Operate Requirements**

This construction approval includes a 90 day interim approval to operate provided that construction substantially complied with the approved design drawings. In order to receive final operational approval, please submit the following information within 60 days of the completion of this project:

1. Written request for operational approval that includes a statement regarding any changes made during construction
2. Record drawings prepared (signed and dated) by the engineer responsible for observing the construction of this project (The Department prefers drawings that are no larger than 11" x 17".)
3. Certification of Construction form complete with signatures from the Owner, Construction Contractor, and Engineer (A copy of this form may be downloaded and printed from the Department of Environmental Conservation website <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wwdp/onsite/pdf/construction.pdf> or a copy will be provided upon request.)
4. A signed maintenance contract with a qualified service provider for the WWTS.

If the approval to operate requirements cannot be met within 90 days of construction completion, an extension of the interim approval to operate must be requested at least 30 days in advance.

### **INFORMAL REVIEWS AND ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS**

A person authorized under a provision of 18 AAC 15 may request an informal review of a contested decision by the Division Director in accordance with 18 AAC 15.185 and/or an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 18 AAC 15.195 – 18 AAC 15.340. See DEC’s “Appeal a DEC Decision” web page <https://dec.alaska.gov/commish/review-guidance/> for access to the required forms and guidance on the appeal process. Please provide a courtesy copy of the adjudicatory hearing request in an electronic format to the parties required to be served under 18 AAC 15.200.

Requests must be submitted no later than the deadline specified in 18 AAC 15.

**This approval is valid for two years from the date of this letter.** If the applicant fails to construct, alter, install, or modify the system, the approval is void and plans must be resubmitted for department review and approval according to 18 AAC 72.200.

**This approval is contingent upon your receipt of any other state, federal, or local authorizations which are required for your project.** You are required to obtain all other necessary authorizations before proceeding with your project. This approval does not imply the granting of additional authorizations nor obligate any state, federal, or local regulatory body to grant required authorizations.

Any person who disagrees with this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 18 AAC 15.195- 18 AAC 15.340 or an informal review in accordance with 18 AAC 15.185. **Informal review requests** must be delivered to the Division of Water Director, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, within 20 days of this decision. **Adjudicatory hearing requests** must be delivered to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, PO Box 111800, Juneau, AK 99811, within 30 days of this decision. If a hearing is not requested within 30 days, the right to appeal is waived. More information on the Department’s administrative appeals process can be found at <http://dec.alaska.gov/commish/review-guidance/>.

If you have questions please contact me at 907-456-5167 or by e-mail at [raymond.zimmer@alaska.gov](mailto:raymond.zimmer@alaska.gov)

Sincerely,

Raymond Zimmer  
Eng. Associate

Enclosures:           Construction and Operation Certificate