



**Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Water  
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program**

**Small Suction Dredge General Permit – AKG375000  
Discharge Registration – Frequently Asked Questions**

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Operators of suction dredges with intake diameters up to 6 inches and pump sizes up to 18 hp (fresh water) or 23 hp (marine water) or highbankers discharging to waters of the U.S. must complete annual registrations under the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Small Suction Dredge Placer Miners General Permit.

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**Attention:** DEC switched to a new online application system on June 6, 2022. The older OASys system is now inactive. Instructions for the new EDMS system are included below.

**What is required?** Small suction dredge and highbanker operations must complete annual online registrations through the DEC Environmental Data Management System (EDMS) and pay a \$25 annual fee online prior to discharging.

**How is the registration completed?**

- Step 1. Navigate to the registration home page at <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/edms>.
- Step 2. Click on the [EDMS Production Application](#) link at the top of the page.
- Step 3. Follow the link to create a new EDMS account or sign in as an existing user. A MyAlaska account is required and can be created during the process.
- Step 4. Log in, click Start a New Form, and select the Small Suction Dredge Registration.
- Step 5. Create a site (e.g., *Jones Small Suction Dredge Site*) or select an existing site.
- Step 6. Complete the questionnaire and payment and look for an emailed registration.

**Are separate registrations required for each waterbody and piece of equipment?** One registration can cover multiple waterbodies, dredges, and highbankers. However, only one piece of equipment may be operated at a time per registration.

**Can a friend or family member operate under my registration?** Yes. Although, the person who submitted the registration will assume responsibility for permit compliance.

**Is the permit required if dredging occurs in a recirculation pond away from the stream?** If there is no discharge entering a waterbody, the DEC permit is not required.

**Is an ADF&G Fish Habitat Permit required for the registration?** The DEC registration can be completed first, but any necessary ADF&G permits must be obtained before discharging.

**What if I need to add additional locations after registration?** Additional locations can be added by notifying the DEC Mining Section via phone or email. See contact information below.

**What if I have limited internet capabilities?** To keep future permit costs to a minimum, DEC strongly encourages online submittals whenever possible. Operators lacking internet capabilities can contact DEC or visit an office location to discuss options for submitting a hardcopy form.

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EDMS Website Tech Support: Phone: 907-465-5353; Email: [edms.help@alaska.gov](mailto:edms.help@alaska.gov)

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