

# STATE OF ALASKA

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September 23, 2008

George Wright  
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24200 Magic Mountain Parkway  
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Certified Mail No.: 7003 1680 0004 2908 6589  
Receipt Requested

Re: Notice of Violation for the M/S Star Princess; May 2008 Cruise Ship General  
Permit Violations; CATS Enforcement # 08-0249-40-7148

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Department of Environmental Conservation is writing this letter to transmit Notice of Violation (NOV) #08-0249-40-7148. The Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for this vessel indicate that several effluent limits in the Large Commercial Passenger Vessel Wastewater Discharge General Permit number 2007DB0002 were exceeded in May.

The Alaska Department of Law may contact you for further enforcement, including settlement of this violation. If you have any questions or comments, please call me at (907) 465-5312.

Sincerely,



Denise Koch  
Program Manager

cc: Environmental Crimes Unit, ADEC, Fairbanks, AK  
Ruth Hamilton Heese, ADOL, Juneau, AK

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
STATE OF ALASKA  
Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental  
Compliance Program**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NOV)**

Violation of Large Commercial Passenger Vessel Wastewater Discharge General Permit

**To:**

**George Wright  
Sr. VP, Marine Operations  
Princess Cruises  
24200 Magic Mountain Parkway  
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**Enforcement Tracking No.: 08-0249-40-7148**

**File No.: 920.45.024**

The Department alleges that the vessel Star Princess did unlawfully discharge wastewater into waters of the state in violation of the effluent limits established in the Large Commercial Passenger Vessel Wastewater Discharge General Permit No. 2007DB0002.

This Notice of Violation (NOV) is being issued based upon information submitted by the company and summarized below:

<b>Date of Sample</b>	<b>Date of DMR</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Concentration</b>	<b>Permit Effluent Limit</b>	<b>Monthly Average or Daily Max/Min</b>
05/07/2008	May 2008	pH	6.33 S.U.	6.5 S.U.	Minimum Value
05/07/2008	May 2008	Copper	0.140 mg/L	.066 mg/L	Daily Maximum
05/07/2008	May 2008	Zinc	0.410 mg/L	0.23 mg/L	Daily Maximum
05/14/2008	May 2008	Copper	0.135 mg/L	0.066 mg/L	Daily Maximum
05/28/2008	May 2008	Copper	0.100 mg/L	0.066 mg/L	Daily Maximum

Penalties for violation of state statutes and regulations can be quite serious. In a civil action, a person who violates or causes or permits to be violated a provision of this permit, may be liable to the State for Substantial monetary damages under AS 46.03.760. Depending on the nature of the violation, you may also be liable for the state's response costs under AS 46.03.822, for spill penalties under AS 46.03.758-759, for administrative penalties under AS 46.03.761, or for other kinds of damages or penalties under other statutes.

In a criminal violation, a person who acts with criminal negligence may be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. AS 46.03.790. Upon conviction, a defendant who is not an organization may be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$10,000.00 and/or sentenced to a definite term of imprisonment of not more than one year. Upon conviction, a defendant that is an organization may be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding the greater of \$200,000.00 or an amount which is three times the pecuniary damage or loss caused by the defendant to another or property of another. AS 12.55.035. Each day of violation may be considered a separate violation. Alaska laws allow the State to pursue both civil and criminal actions concurrently.

If you believe you have additional information that has not already been submitted to the Department that will be informative to the Department's investigation of the above-described violation(s), please submit it to the undersigned by October 7, 2008. Nothing in this Notice shall be construed as a waiver of the State's authority or as an agreement on the part of the State to forego judicial or administrative enforcement of the above-described violation(s) or to seek recovery of damages, cost and penalties as prescribed by law. In addition, nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of enforcement for past, present, or future violations not specifically set forth herein.

  
**Denise Koch, CPVEC Program Manager**

**Personally Served**  
 **Sent by Certified Mail**  
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**on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2008**

**Enclosure: May 2008 DMR**