

# CWA 401 Water Quality Certification Request

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## Details

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**Site:** Nikolai Nickel Project

**Submission ID** HQM-61AD-4R49J

## Form Input

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### Form Instructions

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Instructions for filling out the 401 Prefiling Meeting Request Form are located on the Alaska DEC website at the link below.

[401 Prefiling Meeting Request Form Instructions](#)

**Agents:** For Delegation of Authority to act on behalf of the applicant in processing the application, use the following form, have signed, and upload with application.

- [Delegation of Authority - 401 Application](#)

## Contact Information (1 of 2)

### Required Contacts

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The following **Contact Roles are REQUIRED**. Please select the appropriate role(s) for each contact and complete the contact details. Multiple role(s) may be assigned to each unique individual.

- **Applicant** (Responsible Party)
- **Billing Contact**

### Contact Role(s)

Agent

Billing Contact

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## Contact Information (2 of 2)

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- **Billing Contact**

### Contact Role(s)

Applicant

Onsite Contact

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## Project / Facility Site Info

**Identify the applicable federal license or permit**

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A copy of the federal permit or license application is required to be submitted with the request for the water quality certification. (18 AAC 15.130, 18 AAC 15.180)

**Federal Agency**

Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

**Permit License Number (ex. USACE: POA-XXXX-XXXX; FERC: FERC-xxxx-xxxx; EPA: AK#####)**

POA-2025-00491

**Project Name or Title**

Nikolai Nickel Project

**Primary Receiving Waterbody Name**

NONE PROVIDED

**Estimated Project Dates (+/- 30 days)**

| Project Estimated Start Date | Project Estimated End/Completion Date |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 06/01/2026                   | 01/01/2031                            |

**Approximate date(s) when any Discharge(s) may commence (+/- 30 days)**

| Description   | Discharge Estimated Start Date | Discharge Estimated End Date |
|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| NONE PROVIDED | 07/01/2026                     | 01/01/2031                   |

**Project Description (Nature of Activity, include all features)**

Alaska Energy Metals Development Corporation (AEMC) proposes to construct and operate a temporary access road and associated exploration support facilities to conduct mineral exploration activities at the Nikolai Nickel Project. The project will provide safe, reliable, and practicable access to the Nikolai Project nickel exploration area to collect subsurface geological data to evaluate the critical mineral resource potential. Due to the prevalence of wetlands and drainage features throughout the project area, the project purpose cannot be met without either the mechanized land clearing of or the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States (WOUS). The activity includes rehabilitation and maintenance of existing roads, construction of new temporary exploration roads, low water crossings, and temporary exploration facilities. Exploration facilities include an exploration camp, drill pads, drill pad access roads, fueling storage, laydown areas, and equipment storage and parking.

The project will begin with rehabilitation of an existing 17-mile gravel road known as the Rainy Creek Mining Road. The existing road is located between the Delta River and Eureka Creek. The road is not currently passable due to multiple washouts and talus slides. Road maintenance will focus on returning the road to safe operating condition for light trucks and tracked vehicles. Rehabilitation will consist of blading and recontouring the travel surface within the existing right of way. Where the existing road crosses streams or seeps, temporary mats or GeoBlocks will be used to prevent further degradation of water quality when crossing streams. No fills would be needed or used for the rehabilitation of the surface of the Rainy Creek Mining Road.

In addition to the rehabilitation, the project will involve construction of 6 miles of new temporary gravel access road, averaging 13 feet wide toe-to-toe, to access the exploration site from the west end of the Rainy Creek Mining Road. The alignment of the new road was selected following evaluation of multiple access alternatives and was designed to minimize impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and waters to the maximum extent practicable. New road construction will involve mechanized land clearing of vegetation, placement of geotextile fabric, and placement of a gravel road prism. To maintain hydrologic connectivity, low water crossings will be installed at surface water crossings. The new road will disturb approximately 0.14 acres of wetland. Gravel will be sourced from uplands.

A temporary bridge will be placed over the Delta River (Sheets 3, 18). The structure will measure approximately 195 feet in length with a 14-foot-wide deck and will be 10 feet above the water surface. Eight driven pipe piles (18 24-inch diameter) will be used to support the bridge with 4 driven into the river channel below Ordinary High Water (OHW). Fill material for the abutments will total 1,830 cubic yards and cover 0.17 acres. Fill material will be sourced locally from an upland location, supplied by the construction contractor and hauled to the location. Shore bridge abutments will be located above the OHW on both BLM administered lands (west side) and State of Alaska submerged lands (east side).

A second temporary bridge will be situated over Eureka Creek (Sheets 7, 19). The crossing structure will measure approximately 300 feet in length with a 14-foot-wide deck from four feet to approximately 18 feet above the water surface. Fourteen driven pipe piles (18 24-inch diameter) will be used to support the bridge with 12 driven into the river channel below OHW. Fill material for the abutments will total 1000 cubic yards in 0.25 acres with an additional 1000 cubic yards excavated above OHW in uplands. Fill material will be sourced locally from an upland location. Shore abutments will be located above the OHW, with no fill placed below OHW. The project includes construction of temporary exploration-related facilities, including a 15-acre pad for a man camp, staging area and seasonal equipment laydown and parking, as well as up to 100 drill pads totaling approximately 9.4 acres in wetlands, primarily in scrub-shrub and emergent wetlands. Drill pads will be sited on previously disturbed areas or at upland edges where it is practicable to reduce wetland impacts. All wetland impacts will be reclaimed.

Exploration activities will consist of diamond core drilling using tracked drill rigs. Drill pads will be lined, and drilling fluids and cuttings dewatered using a hydrocyclone. No process chemicals will be used, and no drill cuttings will be discharged to wetlands or surface waters.

**Project Purpose (Describe the reason(s) for discharge)**

The purpose of the project is to provide safe, reliable, and logistically sustainable access to a mineral exploration area for a Critical mineral to collect subsurface geological data to evaluate the mineral resource potential. The results must support the requirements of a NI 43-101 Report.

**Is any portion of the work already complete?**

No

**Description of current activity site conditions**

Rainy Creek Mining Road is not currently passable. There are wash outs in road. The bridges are not in place. Small helicopter supported drill pads are located in the exploration area. There are no roads to the site. Camp has not been constructed on site. There is a prevalence of wetlands and drainage features throughout the project area. Toe slopes seep water out across the plain. The mountains contain a large snow pack during the winter. The Delta River and Eureka Creek both need to be crossed to to reach the exploration area of interest.

**Relevant Site Data, Photographs that Represent Current Site Conditions, or other Relevant Documentation**

NONE PROVIDED  
**Comment**  
NONE PROVIDED

**Is this a linear project? (i.e., utility line, road, etc.)**

Yes

**Linear Feet**  
121,440.0

**Project Address**

[NO STREET ADDRESS SPECIFIED]

[NO CITY SPECIFIED], AK [NO ZIP CODE SPECIFIED]

Visit the link below to help with conversion between DMS and Latitude/Longitude  
[DSM - Lat/Long converter](#)

**Project Location**  
63.2502,-146.1744

Visit the following link if you need to convert the lat/long to get the **PLSS information**  
[Converter for Section, Township, and Range](#)

**PLSS Location (Public Land Survey System)**

| State Tax Parcel ID | Borough/Municipality            | Meridian  | Section          | Township | Range |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|-------|
| NONE PROVIDED       | Southeast Fairbanks Census Area | Fairbanks | 25, 26, 35       | 18 S     | 10 E  |
| NONE PROVIDED       | Southeast Fairbanks Census Area | Fairbanks | 2, 6-11          | 19 S     | 10 E  |
| NONE PROVIDED       | Southeast Fairbanks Census Area | Fairbanks | 2-8, 11, 12      | 19 S     | 9 E   |
| NONE PROVIDED       | Southeast Fairbanks Census Area | Fairbanks | 12-16, 21-23, 26 | 19 S     | 8 E   |

**Directions to Site**

From Delta Junction, AK, travel south on the Richardson Highway 54 miles to approximately Milepost 211.6 (Alyeska Pipeline marker 35A APL 1, MP 592.95). Head west across the Delta River and follow the Rainy Creek Mining Road for 17 miles to its terminus near Eureka Creek. Follow the new pioneer road for six miles to the exploration area.

**Federal Agency Contact (1 of 1)**

**Have you been working with anyone in the Federal Agency?**  
Yes

**Federal Contact Role**  
USACE

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**Dredge Material to be Discharged**

**Is dredging involved?**  
No

**Tier Analysis**

A tier analysis is comprised of a layered approach to determine the need for testing the dredge material to aid in generating

physical, chemical, toxicity and bioaccumulation information, but not more information than is necessary to make factual determinations. The tier analysis is a series of tiers (I - IV) or levels of intensity (and cost) of investigation. It is necessary to proceed through the tiers only until information is sufficient to make factual determinations, no further testing is required.

- Tier I - Site Evaluation and History.** The initial tier (Tier I) uses readily available, existing information (including all previous testing). For certain dredge materials with readily apparent potential for environmental impact (or lack thereof), information collected in Tier I may be sufficient for making factual determinations.
- Tier II - Chemical Testing** is concerned solely with sediment and water chemistry.
- Tier III - Biological Testing (bioassay and/or bioaccumulation testing)** is concerned with well-defined, nationally accepted toxicity and bioaccumulation testing procedures.
- Tier IV - Special Studies** allows for case-specific laboratory and field testing, and is intended to for use in unusual circumstances.

For more information regarding a Tier analysis, see below references

- [EPA Inland Testing Manual](#)
- [USACE Seattle District Civil Works DMMP User Manual](#)

## Fill Material to be Discharged

### Will Fill Material be Discharged?

Yes

### For fill material, identify the material source

Local uplands at the camp pad will be used for the exploration road and drill pads

### Types of material being discharged and the amount of each type (cubic yards)

| Type                  | Cubic Yards |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Clean sand and gravel | 15,450.0    |

### Surface area in (acres or linear feet) of wetlands or other waters filled

| Surface Area | Units |
|--------------|-------|
| 9.54         | Acres |

## Discharge Location Information (1 of 1)

Identify the location and nature of any potential discharge that may result from the proposed project and the location of receiving waters

### Discharge Location ID (001, 002, 003, - increment by one)

001

NOTE: if you have a receiving water that is Wetlands, just enter the generic term "Wetlands". Do not enter "Wetlands of Tanana River", for example.

Please select 'Other' if your waterbody is not in the list below.  
You can start typing the name of the waterbody to filter the list.

### Receiving Waterbody / Wetlands Name

wetlands 1

**Discharge Location**  
63.2502,-146.1744

## **Other Pollutant Sources**

### **Contaminated Site Information**

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Determine if your project is **within 1,500 feet** of a known Alaska DEC Contaminated Site. See the *Alaska DEC Contaminated Web Map* below. This will help you to identify if any potential pollutants/parameters of concern may be present on your project site., see DEC's website:

- [Contaminated Sites Web Map](#)
- [Contaminated Sites Database Search website](#)

**Is the project within 1,500 feet of a known contaminated site?**

No

## **Parameters of Concern that may be present in discharge**

### **Parameter(s) of Concern**

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Identify the parameters of concern that may be present in your discharge from the dredge and/or fill material.

Note, **TURBIDITY** and **SEDIMENT** are routine parameters associated with dredge and/or fill activities.

Consider if other parameters may be present from past activities in the area such as contaminated site data, impaired waters or other relevant water quality data, or other parameters of concern identified during the application process.

### **Parameter(s)**

Turbidity  
Sediment

**If known, describe respective concentrations, persistence, and potential impacts to the receiving water and data on parameters that may alter the effects of the discharge to the receiving water**

Turbidity and sediment will be contained on site and not reach receiving waters. Drill pads and sumps will be lined. Site will be reclaimed at completion of project. Bridges will be used to reduce sediment in waters from vehicle crossings in deep sections. BMPs have been built into project to reduce site run off. Drill cuttings will be contained on site and collected.

### **Impaired Waters**

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An **impaired waterbody** are those listed as a **Category 4 [304(b)]** or **Category 5 [303(d)]** in the current EPA approved **Alaska's Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report**.

For the most recently *Approved Integrated Water Quality Monitoring And Assessment Report (Integrated Report)*, see DEC's website:

- [Integrated Water Quality Monitoring And Assessment Report https://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report](https://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report)

## Does a discharge of any parameter identified above occur to an impaired waterbody?

No

If determined necessary and requested by the Department, submit sufficient and credible baseline water quality information for the receiving water which meets the requirements of 18 AAC 70.016(a)(6)(A-C).

## Avoidance & Minimization BMPs and Mitigation Measures

**Describe how impacts are being avoided and minimized on the project site. Include best management practices (BMPs) for sediment and erosion controls that will be implemented to minimize environmental impacts, and any methods and means proposed to monitor the discharge and the equipment or measures planned to treat, control, or manage the discharge.**

### **Include a description of any methods and means proposed to monitor the discharge and the equipment or measures planned to treat, control, or manage the discharge**

The existing Rainy Creek Mining Road was used as the Project starting point. The Rainy Creek Road starts from an existing entry to the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company's pipeline Right of Way (ROW). Using an existing road reduces discharge. A staging area exists in uplands for equipment going to Project. From the pipeline, the Road crosses the Delta River. The Mining road fords the Delta River, using braided islands to cross the waterbody. A bridge is proposed to cross the deepest channel section of the Delta River. The Delta River bridge was proposed to reduce sediment impacts to the Delta River. To reach the exploration area a second temporary bridge is proposed to cross Eureka Creek. This keeps equipment out of rivers in deepest sections.

The project is anticipated to operate five years. Upon completion of exploration activities, all temporary facilities will be decommissioned. Decommissioning will include removal of crossing structures and abutments, recontouring of road prisms and pads, replacement of salvaged organic material, and revegetation using native species to restore site conditions in compliance with Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) reclamation standards. All wetland fill will be restored. Post-construction stabilization would include grading, recontouring, and seeding fill in disturbed areas.

To minimize the introduction of invasive species to the project, AEMC will follow BLM guidelines identified in Alaska Instruction Memorandum No AK IM 2025-13. Including Attachment 1 - BLM Standard Stipulations and Design Features, and Attachment 2 - Priority Plant List, (BLM 2025).

1. AMEC will ensure that all equipment, vehicles (e.g., trucks, trailers, and gear) is free of visible soil, seeds, and vegetative parts before deploying to the project site and before moving from areas of known Priority Invasive Plant (PIP) infestations.
2. AMEC will not park or stage equipment, supplies, or materials in areas known to be infested with PIP. When feasible, activities shall commence from known un-infested areas and progress toward known infested areas.
3. AMEC will only use feed (e.g., hay), bedding (straw), mulch, erosion control materials, and seed that is certified as weed-free through the ADNR Weed-Free certification programs. Other sources, including stockpiled items from the site, may be used on a case-by-case basis. If Alaska certified weed-free products are unavailable, then Alaska-grown material is preferred.
4. AMEC will use Native weed free seed mixes for revegetation.

To contain drill mud and cuttings, drill sumps will be lined and drilling fluids and cuttings dewatered on site using a hydrocyclone. No chemicals will be used in drilling muds or to process cuttings. Cuttings will not be discharged to WOUS.

Erosion control and construction methods will be described in the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) required by the Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity Permit (MSGP). BMPs for embankment stabilization, including contouring and seeding, will be employed. The project will comply with all Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Water Quality Standards. BMPs for growth media stockpiles will include contouring and seeding to reduce erosion and sediment runoff during storage.

Surface drainage will be monitored on site to ensure flow connectivity. Water will not be allowed to pond on road fills by using low water crossings. Existing surface drainage will not be adversely impeded. If ponding is observed on exploration roadways corrective action will be undertaken. This will include reestablishing drainage, grading, and seeding as appropriate for the location.

### **Avoidance Measures**

The Rainy Creek Mining Road was used for the first 17 miles of the route to avoid new wetland fill. The new exploration route was selected using field-verified wetland mapping to avoid fills in wetlands along the route. The new road crosses streams and surface drainage features perpendicular to flow and wetlands at the narrowest points. Streams are crossed using low water crossings. The design has been developed to avoid wetlands and streams.

The mineral exploration Project requires construction of temporary facilities, including a 15-acre pad for a man camp, staging and parking areas, and seasonal equipment laydown. The camp, laydown and staging area were sited adjacent to the new exploration access road in uplands. No wetlands will be filled or graded for these facilities.

Earlier drilling pinpointed the AOI requiring detailed drilling and geologic investigation. Drill pads have been sited on previously disturbed areas or uplands to reduce wetland fill. No material sites will be opened in wetlands for exploration. Only on-site, non-mineralized rock (clean fill) from uplands will be used for road construction.

## Minimization Measures

Preliminary wetland mapping for the project was used to minimize impacts to wetlands along the access corridor. Uplands and prior disturbance were prioritized for access routes and facilities. Bridges were incorporated at the Delta River and Eureka Creek to reduce sedimentation and improve safety for operators moving equipment and supplies to site.

The drill pads need to be located over the resource. The required 100 drill sites will be constructed with the minimum required grading. The first 17-mile portion of the road route utilizes existing road disturbance. The route follows an existing road to Eureka Creek. GeoBlocks will be used in wet areas to eliminate the development of multiple parallel pathways around wet low areas. GeoBlocks will be left in place for the duration of the project to support long-term benefits to water quality from reduced sedimentation runoff from the road.

Initial drilling has pinpointed the AOI requiring detailed drilling and geologic investigation. The drill pads need to be located over the resource. The required 100 drill sites will be constructed with the minimum required grading. Temporary impacts from drilling including access and pads total 9.40 acres in wetlands. Where practicable, drill pads have been sited on previously disturbed areas or uplands to reduce wetland fill. Exploration drilling will use track mounted core drilling rigs. Tracked rigs reduce grading for access and drill pad set up. Tracked equipment was selected as it does not require the precise road grades of wheel mounted drill rigs. The track rigs will be able to travel in terrain with less grading and minimize wetland disturbance. There will be no discharge of drill cuttings or muds to surface waters or wetlands. Support equipment will use the same access roads as the drill rigs. Conterminous reclamation of drill sites will be completed as practicable. Drills will move systematically through each area allowing reclamation to follow drilling when further access is no longer required.

## Mitigation Measures

Post-construction stabilization would include grading, recontouring, and seeding fill in disturbed areas. To minimize the introduction of invasive species to the project, AEMC will follow BLM guidelines identified in Alaska Instruction Memorandum No AK IM 2025-13. Including Attachment 1 - BLM Standard Stipulations and Design Features, and Attachment 2 - Priority Plant List, (BLM 2025).

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4. AMEC will use Native weed free seed mixes for revegetation. All drill roads and pads will be reclaimed. The 9.54 acres of fill in wetlands will be reclaimed when the Nikolai Nickel Project is complete.

## Social / Economic Importance

### Social or Economic Importance

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(18 AAC 70.016(c)(5): Provide information that demonstrates the accommodation of important social or economic development. The applicant shall complete either a social OR economic importance analysis (or both) for each affected community in the area where the receiving water for the proposed discharge is located.

### **Social Importance Analysis**

Infrastructure improvements

### **Economic Importance Analysis**

Employment, job availability, and salary impacts

Access to resources

Expanded leases and royalties

Commercial activities

### **Describe Social and/or Economic Importance of the project**

The Nikolai Nickel Project is looking to define a Nickel mineral resource within Alaska. The Project is pursuing a strategic domestic supply of Nickel and associated minerals which have been identified as critical minerals and materials by the United States Geological Survey and the United States Department of Energy. There are Federal grants and National interest in developing domestic supplies of Nickel for batteries. The exploration project is a five-year plan that involves road construction infrastructure, bridge installations, mineral camp construction, and drilling for a mineral resource. Logistical support from trucking and helicopter contractors will be required. Diesel fuel will be delivered to site. Exploration is labor intensive with a crew of 20-30 people working on the project depending on the available drill rigs during the summer. This is a multimillion dollar project over five summers. Goods and services such as bridge girders, Geoblocks, food, drill mud, drill pipe, drills, fuel, tires, and support equipment will be procured locally. Winter work will include folks logging core and mapping resource. The project is in a rural Alaska with few services. Goods and services will be purchased from Anchorage and Fairbanks. Local roadhouses will benefit from additional road traffic. Alaskan engineers, geologists, and scientists will be employed to provide professional services. The capital investment in mineral exploration will help stimulate additional economic growth in Alaska. The local lodges benefit from the economic input.

**Description of Social or Economic Importance, if needed**

NONE PROVIDED

**Comment**

NONE PROVIDED

**List of Other Permits or Certificates**

\*Would include but is not restricted to zoning, building, and flood plain permits.

**Include a list of all other federal, interstate, tribal, state, territorial, or local agency authorizations required for the proposed project, including all approvals or denials already received.**

| Agency | Type of Approval*   | Identification Number | Date Applied  | Date Approved | Date Denied   |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| BLM    | ROW and Crosssing   | NONE PROVIDED         | 01/14/2026    | NONE PROVIDED | NONE PROVIDED |
| ADNR   | APMA Exploration    | Modifcation Pending   | NONE PROVIDED | NONE PROVIDED | NONE PROVIDED |
| ADNR   | Submerged Lands     | NONE PROVIDED         | 01/14/2026    | NONE PROVIDED | NONE PROVIDED |
| ADF&G  | Fish Habitat Permit | NONE PROVIDED         | NONE PROVIDED | NONE PROVIDED | NONE PROVIDED |

**Other Agency or Local Contacts (1 of 3)**

**Contact Role**

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**Attachments****Copy of Federal Application (USACE, EPA, or FERC, etc.)**[Nikolai\\_Eng\\_Form\\_4345\\_Application\\_260114\\_Signed.pdf - 03/19/2026 02:55 PM](#)**Comment**

Project Figures in Supplement

**Figures and/or Drawings/Plan Sets. To include a map or diagram of the proposed activity site, including the proposed activity boundaries in relation to local streets, roads, and highways.**[Nikolai\\_4345\\_Supplement\\_Figures\\_260114.pdf - 03/19/2026 02:55 PM](#)**Comment**

Supplement includes Project Figures

**Document Attachments**

NONE PROVIDED

**Comment**

NONE PROVIDED

**Delegation of Authority for Submission of Application**[Nikolai\\_delegation-of-authority-401-application\\_signed.pdf - 03/19/2026 02:55 PM](#)**Comment**

NONE PROVIDED

As per 18 AAC 15.030 signing of applications, all permit or approval applications must be signed as follows:

- 1) in the case of corporations, by a principal executive officer of at least the level of vice president or his duly authorized representative, if the representative is responsible for the overall management of the project or operation;
- 2) in the case of a partnership, by a general partner;
- 3) in the case of a sole proprietorship, by the proprietor; and
- 4) in the case of a municipal, state, federal or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer, ranking elected official, or other duly authorized employee.

The project proponent hereby certifies that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. The project proponent hereby requests that the certifying authority review and take action on this CWA 401 certification request within the applicable reasonable period of time.

## Agreements and Signature(s)

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**Signed** victor.ross@stantec.com victor.ross@stantec.com on 03/19/2026 at 3:59 PM  
**By**