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Ms. Alice Edwards, Director
Division of Air Quality
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
P.O. Box 111800
Juneau, Alaska 99811-1800

Dear Ms. Edwards:

This is in response to your December 31, 2014 State Implementation Plan (SIP) and January 29, 2015 supplemental submittal addressing the requirements of the Clean Air Act for the 2006 PM_{2.5} Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Fairbanks North Star Borough PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area (collectively your "SIP submission").

We have reviewed your SIP submission and compared it to the completeness criteria set forth at 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix V. We have determined that your SIP submission satisfies the completeness criteria; therefore, we have started processing your SIP submission. Please note that a finding of completeness indicates that the SIP submission meets the minimum criteria that a plan must satisfy for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to review the submittal under 40 CFR § 51.103. A completeness finding does not constitute a finding on the merits of the SIP submission or whether it meets the relevant criteria for SIP approval.

Thank you for your continued efforts to protect air quality. If you or members of your staff have any questions on this topic, please contact Lucy Edmondson at (360) 753-9082 or edmondson.lucy@epa.gov.

Sincerely.

Kate Kelly, Director

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cc: Ms. Cindy Heil, ADEC