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Mr. Casey Sixkiller
U.S. EPA Region 10
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Subject: SIP Submittal of Regional Haze Revisions

Dear Mr. Sixkiller:

This letter provides amendments to Alaska's *State Air Quality Control Plan* or State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Regional Haze and associated regulations. The revised regulations have an effective date of August 21, 2022. Specific provisions are submitted for EPA approval, while other provisions are included for informational purposes only, to show a complete record of the rulemaking.

On July 22, 2022, the Lt. Governor signed and filed the following changes to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) regulations in 18 AAC 50:

- Amend 18 AAC 50.025(a) to add a Regional Haze Visibility Protection Area, as defined in Volume II Section III.K.13.H of the *State Air Quality Control Plan*.
- Amend 18 AAC 50.030(a) to adopt revisions to the State Air Quality Control Plan by
 - adopting Volume II, Section III. Area Wide Pollutant Control Program, Subsection K.13 Regional Haze 2nd Implementation Period and the Appendices to Sections III.K.13.F, III.K.13.G, III.K.13.H, III.K.13.I, and III.K.13.K; and
 - amending Volume III Appendix to Volume II, Section II.A to incorporate the proposed regulations after public review and comment. This appendix within the State Air Quality Control Plan contains the state's air quality regulations.
- Adding new section 18 AAC 50.265 to establish requirements for sources in the Regional Haze Visibility Protection Area.

DEC is submitting the relevant parts of the Regional Haze amendments to EPA for approval today. Changes and additions to the following revised sections of the *State Air Quality Control Plan*/SIP and 18 AAC 50 are being submitted for approval:

- 18 AAC 50.025(a)
- 18 AAC 50.265

- SIP Volume II, Section III. Area Wide Pollutant Control Program, Subsection K.13 Regional Haze 2nd Implementation Period and the Appendices to Sections III.K.13.F, III.K.13.G, III.K.13.H, III.K.13.I, and III.K.13.K

We will submit the documents listed in the enclosures via the EPA's SPeCS system. If requested, we can provide one paper copy and one electronic version of the documents to Kristin Hall of your staff (note that the electronic version would be an exact duplicate of the paper copy).

Alice Edwards or Jason Olds are available to your staff to respond to questions or to otherwise assist. They can be reached at (907) 465-5109 or (907) 465-5303. I would be pleased to discuss any of this with you.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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Enclosures
Regional Haze Documents

- Lt. Governor's certified Filing Certificate for Permanent Regulations, including Signed Adoption Order and Memorandum of Filed Permanent Regulations (two separate documents), signed on July 22, 2022, with an effective date of regulations of August 21, 2022;
- Alaska Statutes Granting the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Legal Authority to Adopt Regulations
- Rekeyed regulation amendments 18 AAC 50 prepared by the Department of Law for transmittal to the Lt. Governor for certification and filing, with Register 243, October 2022, handwritten;
- Adoption Draft of 18 AAC 50 regulations, dated July 5, 2022;
- Public Review Draft of 18 AAC 50 regulations which shows the changes made to the regulations, with bold lettering as new language and bracketed language as old language, dated March 30, 2022;
- Notice of Public Comment Period, signed March 30, 2022;
- Affidavit of Notice of Proposed Adoption of Regulations and Furnishing of Additional Information, signed July 1, 2022;
- Affidavit of Publication for the Public Notice, Anchorage Daily News, signed April 4, 2022;
- Affidavit of Oral Hearing, signed July 1, 2022;
- Response To Comments, dated July 5, 2022;
- Affidavit of Agency Record of Public Comment, signed July 1, 2022;
- Regional Haze Plan, Combined Section III.K.13, adopted July 5, 2022;
- Regional Haze Plan, Appendices III.K.13.F (in 3 parts), III.K.13.G, III.K.13.H, III.K.13.I, and III.K.13.K; adopted July 5, 2022
- Explanation of Proposed Changes, March 2022
- Volume III, Appendices, Section II.A, State Air Statutes and Regulations, adopted July 5, 2022.