

## **Department of Environmental Conservation**

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Mr. Dennis J. McLerran U.S. EPA Region 10 Regional Administrator's Office, RA-210 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, WA 98101

Subject: SIP Submittal of adoption updates in 18 AAC 50

Dear Mr. McLerran:

This letter provides amendments to 18 AAC 50, Air Quality Control regulations, with an effective date of December 29, 2016. Specific provisions are submitted for removal from the EPA approved State Implementation Plan (SIP). The language of the provisions is included, for informational purposes, to show a complete record of the rulemaking.

On November 29, 2016, the Lt. Governor signed and filed the following changes to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's (ADEC) regulations in 18 AAC 50:

- amend 18 AAC 50.030 to adopt the current effective date of the *State Air Quality Control Plan*.
- amend 18 AAC 50.240(b) to address changes in requirements for excess emissions.

ADEC requests EPA removal of the following section from the SIP:

• 18 AAC 50.240

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

- Lt. Governor's certified Filing Certificate for Permanent Regulations, including Signed Adoption Order and Memorandum of Filed Permanent Regulations, signed on November 29, 2016, with an effective date of regulations of December 29, 2016, and Limited Delegation of the Commissioner's Authority;
- Notice of Public Comment Period, signed September 7, 2016;
- Affidavit of Notice of Proposed Adoption of Regulations and Furnishing of Additional Information, signed October 20, 2016;

- Affidavit of Publication for the Public Notice, Alaska Dispatch News, signed September 12, 2016;
- Notice of Cancellation of Oral Hearing, dated October 6, 2016;
- Affidavit of Cancellation of Oral Hearing, signed October 20, 2016;
- 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 September 7, 2016;
- Responsiveness Summary, October 20, 2016;
- Affidavit of Agency Record of Public Comment, signed October 20, 2016;
- Adoption Draft of 18 AAC 50 regulations, dated October 20, 2016;
- A copy of the tracked regulation amendments prepared by the Department of Law for transmittal to the Lt. Governor for certification and filing, with Register 220, January 2017, handwritten;
- Description of the Proposed Changes to 18 AAC 50, September 2016; and
- IV.B State Air Quality Control Plan.

Denise Koch is available to your staff to respond to questions or to otherwise assist. She can be phoned at (907) 465-5109. As always, I would be pleased to discuss any of this with you.

Sincerely,

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