

**WATER QUALITY STANDARDS: NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Division of Water proposes to amend the Water Quality Standards in Title 18, Chapter 70 and Chapter 83 of the Alaska Administrative Code by updating the standard analytical methods used to measure compliance with water quality standards and wastewater permit effluent limits.

The Department of Environmental Conservation proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 18, Chapter 70 and Chapter 83 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with Water Quality Standards, including the following:

- (1) amend 18 AAC 70.020(b) Water Quality Standards Table Notes 1, 9, 10 to update language pertaining to methodology and regulatory citations;
- (2) amend 18 AAC 70.020(c)(1) and 18 AAC 70.020(c)(2) and 18 AAC 70.020(c)(3) with updated references;
- (3) amend 18 AAC 70.030(a) to include updated reference document information; and
- (4) amend 18 AAC 83.010(f) by updating the Code of Federal Regulations referenced version.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Denise Elston, DEC Division of Water, at 410 Willoughby Ave, Suite 303, P.O. Box 11800, Juneau, Alaska 99811. Additionally, the Department of Environmental Conservation will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-5274 and by electronic mail at denise.elston@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system and using the "comment" link. The comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2015.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on February 25, 2015, in the DEC Main Conference Room, Second Floor, 410 Willoughby Ave. Juneau. The hearing will be held from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 6:00 pm. who did not have an opportunity to submit comments previously. Those individuals who cannot attend the public hearing but wish to participate via teleconference may do so by calling (800) 315-6338. Access Code 51851. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Eric Hotchkiss at (907) 465-6171 no later than February 13, 2015 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the potential revisions, contact Denise Elston, DEC Division of Water, at 410 Willoughby Ave, Suite 303, P.O. Box 118000, Juneau, Alaska 99811, (907) 465-5018, electronic mail at denise.elston@alaska.gov, or go to the Division of Water, Water Quality Standards web page at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wqsar/wqs/index.htm>.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Environmental Conservation will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed

regulations. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.** Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 46.03.010; AS 46.03.020; AS 46.03.050; AS 46.03.070; AS 46.03.080; AS 46.03.100; AS 46.03.110; AS 46.03.710; AS 46.03.720;

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 46.03.010 – AS 46.03.120; AS 46.03.710; AS 46.03.720

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: January 13, 2015



Larry Hartig, Commissioner

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Department of Environmental Conservation
2. General subject of regulation: Water Quality Standards
3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 18 AAC 70 and 18 AAC 83
4. Department of Law file number, if any JU2014200913

5. Reason for the proposed action:
 Compliance with federal Clean Water Act section 304(h)
 Compliance with new or changed state statute
 Compliance with Federal or state court decision (identify) _____
 Development of program standards
 Other: (please list) _____

6. Appropriation/Allocation: N/A

7. Estimated annual costs in the aggregate to comply with the proposed action to:
Private Persons: 0
Other State Agencies: 0
Municipalities: 0

8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):

	Initial Year FY 2015	Subsequent Years
Operating Cost	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Capital Cost	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
1002 Federal receipts	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>
1003 General fund match	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>
1004 General fund	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>
1005 General fund/ program	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>
1037 General fund/ mental health	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>
Other	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>

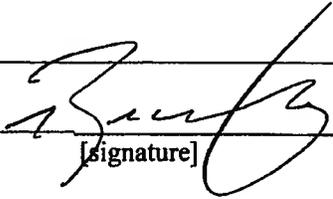
9. The name of the contact person for the regulations:
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10. The origin of the proposed action:

- Staff of state agency
 Federal government
 General public
 Petition for regulation change
 Other (identify) _____

11. Date: January 13, 2015

Prepared by:  1/13/15
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