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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Anchorage resident convicted for I/M violations**

**April 25, 2005—Anchorage--** Anchorage resident Karl Rollefson has been sentenced to serve 5 days in jail, pay \$500, plus a \$50 surcharge, and three years probation for violating the state's emissions and maintenance (I/M) program requirements. Rollefson, who registered his vehicle in Seward to evade Anchorage I/M requirements, was charged on two counts, for failure to obtain a valid I/M certificate and for making false statements on his vehicle registration application.

The case was referred to the Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) environmental crimes unit in 2003.

DEC's Air Quality Director Tom Chapple said, "Keeping Alaska's air clean should be incentive enough to follow the I/M program's rules. But when it isn't, we do not hesitate to enforce the law."

The I/M program was established in Anchorage as a pollution reduction strategy to meet national public health standards for carbon monoxide. In recent years, the health standard has been met. Properly maintained vehicles and newer cars with lower emission rates will be critical to maintaining clean air as population and vehicle use increase over time.

For information about the I/M program and how to comply, please see the DEC website at <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/air/anpms/ms/home.htm> or contact Cindy Heil with DEC's Division of Air Quality at 907-269-7579.

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