NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Environmental Conservation proposes to amend the drinking water regulations at 18 AAC 80 to incorporate the requirements of the new federal law, "Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act" (Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1417), including changing the definition of "lead-free." Proposed revisions also include updates to drinking water publications adopted by reference.

The Department of Environmental Conservation proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title18, Chapter 80, of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with drinking water, including the following:

- Repeal and readopt 18 AAC 80.010(b), which contains publications adopted by reference, to group similar publications together, add four new publications, and update ten publications to reflect the most current version now available.
- Amend 18 AAC 80.030(b)(1), to incorporate the new federal requirements regarding "lead-free" components for drinking water systems.
- Repeal and readopt 18 AAC 80.500, to incorporate the new federal requirements regarding "lead-free" components for drinking water systems.
- Repeal and readopt 18 AAC 80.1990(a)(76), to revise the definition of "lead free" to reflect the new federal requirements.

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 Gloria Collins, Regulations Specialist, Drinking Water Program, Department of Environmental Conservation, at 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501. Additionally, the Department of Environmental Conservation/Drinking Water Program will accept comments by facsimile at 907-269-7650 and by electronic mail at decehdw.publiccommentsregs@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 April 24, 2014.

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Deborah Pock at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 no later than April 11, 2014, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Gloria Collins at 907-269-3075, or gloria.collins@alaska.gov, or go to: http://dec.alaska.gov/commish/regulations/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 44.46.020; AS 46.03.020.
Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 46.03.010, AS 46.03.020; AS 46.03.050, AS 46.03.710, AS 46.03.720.
Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: March 19, 2014

Larry Hartig, Commissioner

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Department of Environmental Conservation
2. General subject of regulation: Drinking water standards revisions (allowable lead content)
3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 18 AAC 80.010, 18 AAC 80.030, 18 AAC 80.500, 18 AAC 80.1990
4. Department of Law file number, if any JU2013200738
5. Reason for the proposed action:
   (x) compliance with federal law
   ( ) compliance with new or changed state statute
   ( ) compliance with court order
   (x) development of program standards
   ( ) other: (please list)_____
6. Appropriation/Allocation: Environmental Health – Drinking Water Program

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

	Initial Year FY 2014	Subsequent Years
Operating Cost	$ 0	$ 0
Capital Cost	$ 0	$ 0
1002 Federal receipts	$ 0	$ 0
1003 General fund match	$ 0	$ 0
1004 General fund	$ 0	$ 0
1005 General fund/ program	$ 0	$ 0
1037 General fund/ mental health	$ 0	$ 0
Other	$ 0	$ 0

8. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

   Name Gloria Collins
   Title Regulations Specialist II
   Address 555 Cordova Street
   Anchorage, Alaska 99501
   Telephone 907-269-3075
   E-mail address gloria.collins@alaska.gov
9. The origin of the proposed action:

   x staff of state agency
   ____ federal government
   ____ general public
   ____ petition for regulation change
   ____ other (please list)_____

10. Date: 19 MAR 14

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