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Ms. Barbara Trost
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Dear Ms. Trost:

In our August 2, 2018 response to your 2017 Annual Monitoring Network Plan, Region 10 indicated approval of a waiver to discontinue ozone monitoring in the Anchorage Metropolitan Statistical Area and stated a formal approval would follow in a separate correspondence. This correspondence is our formal approval for waiving ozone monitoring requirements for the Anchorage MSA for five years (2019 through 2023). For future Annual Monitoring Network Plans, please enclose a copy of this waiver as an appendix to the ANP.

In considering your waiver request, Region 10 examined the available historic monitoring data produced by ADEC for the Anchorage MSA as well as factoring in the resources constraints you have identified. Region 10 examined the data available in AQS and past Annual Network Plans and found that Alaska has monitored in four separate areas in the Anchorage MSA since ozone monitoring commenced in 2010 (Anchorage, Eagle River, Wasilla, and Palmer). There have been no exceedances of the ozone standard. Additionally, we did not observe any concentrations at or above 80 percent of the NAAQS. Given ADEC's resource constraints and a low likelihood of ozone exceedances in the Anchorage MSA, we are supporting your waiver request.

If ADEC would like to continue to not operate an ozone monitor in the Anchorage MSA after 2023, ADEC should resubmit a request for renewal of the waiver. The EPA reserves the right to reinstate ozone monitoring requirements in the MSA sooner than five years should a future need arise (e.g., changes in air quality, monitor regulation changes, or revisions to the NAAQS).

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at (206) 553-2970 or Doug Jager at (206) 553-2961.

Sincerely,

Gina Bonifacino
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