# **Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation**



## **Amendments to:**

**State Air Quality Control Plan** 

Vol. III: Appendix III.D.7.14

{Appendix to Volume II. Analysis of Problems, Control Actions; Section III. Area-wide Pollutant Control Program; D. Particulate Matter; 7. Fairbanks North Star Borough PM2.5 Control Plan, Serious Requirements}

## Replaced and Adopted

November 18, 2020

Michael J. Dunleavy, Governor

Jason W. Brune, Commissioner

Note: This appendix document provides the adopted language of the 2020 Amendment to Serious SIP for inclusion in this section of the State Air Quality Control Plan addressing the Fairbanks North Star Borough PM2.5 Serious nonattainment area. This document is a replacement for the 2019 Adopted Serious SIP Requirements.

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## **Appendix III.D.7.14**

## 2020 SIP Amendment

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#### **AFFIDAVIT OF ORAL HEARING**

I, Rebecca Tyson Smith, Environmental Program Specialist, of The Department of Environmental Conservation, being sworn, state the following:

On October 15, 2020, at 1800 - 1930, telephonically using the Alaska State Legislature's Legislative Information Office hearing system, I presided over a public hearing held under AS 44.62.210 for the purpose of taking testimony in connection with the adoption of changes to 18 AAC 50, Air Quality Control revising regulations on air quality and the Serious State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) nonattainment area to demonstrate that the SIP will meet the annual five percent reduction in federal emission requirements identified in the Clean Air Act.

Date: 230 x 2020

Rebecca Tyson Smith, Environmental Program Specialist

Subscribed and sworn to before me at 410 Will Chank by Ave on

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Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska

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1 By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor 2 Introduced: 09/24/2020 3 Advanced: 09/24/2020 4 10/08/2020 Adopted: 5 6 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH 7 8 RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 37 9 10 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL 11 CONSERVATION'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS ON AIR QUALITY AND TO 12 THE SERIOUS STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP) FOR THE FAIRBANKS NORTH 13 STAR BOROUGH NONATTAINMENT AREA 14 15 WHEREAS, In 2006, the United States Environmental Protection Agency 16 (EPA) strengthened the 24-hour ambient fine particulate (PM2.5) standard from 65 17 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu g/m^3$ ) to 35  $\mu g/m^3$ ; and 18 19 WHEREAS, In December 2009, the EPA designated part of the Fairbanks 20 North Star Borough (FNSB) a Moderate non-attainment area for the 2006 PM2.5 24-hour 21 standard; and 22 23 WHEREAS, The Clean Air Act (CAA) requires states to submit an air quality 24 attainment plan known as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) to the EPA, which is an 25 enforceable plan developed at the state and local level that explains how an area will 26 comply with air quality standards; and 27 28 WHEREAS, The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation 29 (ADEC) submitted the Moderate Area SIP to EPA on December 31, 2014; and 30 31 WHEREAS, The Moderate Area SIP was an impracticability SIP as it could 32 not demonstrate attainment by the December 31, 2015 attainment date; and 33 34 WHEREAS, On December 16, 2016 the EPA published notice in the Federal 35 Register of its intent to reclassify the FNSB non-attainment area from Moderate to Serious status, and the Final Rule was signed on April 28, 2017; and 36 37 38 WHEREAS, On September 8, 2017, the EPA approved the FNSB PM2.5 39 Moderate Area SIP; and 40 41 WHEREAS, On November 19, 2019, ADEC adopted and submitted to EPA 42 the FNSB PM2.5 Serious Area SIP; and

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WHEREAS, On September 2, 2020, the EPA issued a determination of failure to attain by the attainment date and denial of Serious Area attainment extension request in the Federal Register Vol. 85, No. 171; and

WHEREAS, The EPA finding of failure to attain and denial of extension request triggered further statutory and regulatory requirements for the area, including a new SIP submission meeting the requirements of Section 189(d) of the CAA by December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, ADEC is proposing to change regulations on air quality to revise the State Air Quality Control Plan and the Serious SIP for the FNSB nonattainment area ("the 2020 Amendments") in order to demonstrate that the SIP will meet the annual five percent reduction in federal emission requirements identified in the CAA; ADEC worked cooperatively with the FNSB to develop the 2020 Amendments to the Serious SIP to meet the requirements of CAA Section 189(d) and to show that the amendments model attainment by 2024; and

WHEREAS, The 2020 Amendments were released for public comment on September 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The control measure package as presented in the draft 2020 Amendments contain necessary mitigation measures for the residential wood combustion source category, the largest contributor to PM2.5 pollution, and are tailored for the remote sub-arctic environment in Fairbanks; control measures focused on lesser contributing source sectors, such as point sources and residential fuel oil, would have severe economic impacts to the community and are not appropriate at this time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks North Star Borough fully supports the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation's 2020 Amendments to the Serious SIP and specifically, the FNSB Assembly supports the control measure package as an effective means to bring the community into attainment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FNSB Assembly commits to a coordinated effort with the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to implement the control measure package, committing resources as allowable under FNSB code, with the goal of attaining the 24-hour PM2.5 standard by 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage and approval, the FNSB Clerk is directed to send signed copies of this resolution as soon as practicable to the Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Conservation.

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Yeses:

Noes:

None

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### AFFIDAVIT OF AGENCY RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Rebecca Tyson Smith, Environmental Program Specialist, of the Department of Environmental Conservation, being duly sworn, state the following:

In compliance with AS 44.62.215, the Department of Environmental Conservation has kept a record of its use or rejection of factual or other substantive information that was submitted in writing and orally as public comment and that was relevant to the accuracy, coverage, or other aspect of the Department of Environmental Conservation regulation on air quality and the Serious State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) nonattainment area to demonstrate that the SIP will meet the annual five percent reduction in federal emission requirements identified in the Clean Air Act.

Date: 13NOV 7070

Rebecca Tyson Smith, Environmental Program Specialist

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