

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 18, Chapter 50 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with Air Quality Control, including the following:

- update adoption by reference dates of federal rules adopted in 18 AAC 50.035 and 18 AAC 50.040.
- adopt a federal rule part and new subparts in 18 AAC 50.040.
- repeal or delete obsolete language in 18 AAC 50.035, 18 AAC 50.040, 18 AAC 50.990, and 18 AAC 50.990 Editor's note.
- add language to adopt and require Title V standard application forms in 18 AAC 50.035 and 18 AAC 50.326.
- clarify modeling requirements in 18 AAC 50.215.
- clarify requirements for owner requested limits in 18 AAC 50.225.
- adopt clarifications to existing regulations to correct wording, to correct cross-references, and resolve internal regulation conflicts in 18 AAC 50.220, 18 AAC 50.302, 18 AAC 50.326, 18 AAC 50.345, 18 AAC 50.400, and 18 AAC 50.540.

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 Rebecca Smith, Environmental Program Specialist, Air Permit Program, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Ave., Suite 303, P.O. Box 111800, Juneau, AK 99811-1800, by facsimile at: (907) 465-5129, or by e-mail to the Air Quality Comments Docket at dec.aq.airdocket@alaska.gov. Comments must be received by **5:00 p.m., on September 30, 2011**. Comments received after this date will not be considered in final action on these rules.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on September 28, 2011, at the Department of Environmental Conservation Building, 619 E. Ship Creek, Ste. 249, Anchorage, AK 99501. The hearing will be held from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 3:00 p.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. There will be a call-in number if you are not able to attend the meeting in person. The call-in number will be 1-800-315-6338, and the Meet Me Code will be 8123#.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Deborah Pock at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 no later than September 19, 2011, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Rebecca Smith, Air Permit Program, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Ave., Suite 303, P.O. Box 111800, Juneau, AK 99811-1800; by phone at (907) 465-5121; by facsimile at (907) 465-5129; or go to <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/ap/regulati.htm>. The proposed regulations and a Department Explanation of the Proposed Changes document are available from the DEC Air

Quality web site at <https://myalaska.state.ak.us/dec/air/airtoolsWeb/PublicPermitListings.aspx> and at <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/ap/regulati.htm>

After the public comment period ends on September 30, 2011, DEC will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. 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 46.03.710, AS 46.14.010, AS 46.14.020, AS 46.14.030

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 46.14.010, AS 46.14.020, AS 46.14.030, AS 46.14.120, AS 46.14.140

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

Dated: August 25, 2011
Anchorage, Alaska

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Larry Hartig, Commissioner