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Body of Notice:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 issued, on January 10, 2012, notice in the federal register of a final rule approving revisions to Alaska's State Implementation Plan (SIP) relating to the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program (I/M Program) for control of carbon monoxide (CO) in Anchorage. Those revisions discontinue the I/M Program as an active control measure in the SIP and shift it to a contingency measure. The I/M program is a CO control measure in the Anchorage CO maintenance plan. EPA determined that the Anchorage area will continue to maintain the CO National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) without the I/M Program in place, and that the suspension of the I/M Program will not interfere with the attainment and maintenance of other NAAQS.

Given EPA's approval of the suspension of the I/M Program, and to provide the option for an expeditious shut down of the I/M Program, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), pursuant to state regulations found at18 AAC 52.007 and 18 AAC 52.005(i), announces the approval by ADEC that the Municipality of Anchorage may suspend its I/M Program not less than 30 days after the date of this notice. This notice does not establish a final sunset date for the I/M Program. The Municipality of Anchorage has a local ordinance in place relating to suspension of its I/M Program following EPA and ADEC approval. ADEC and the Division of Motor Vehicles will coordinate with the Municipality of Anchorage for an orderly suspension process consistent with state regulations and local ordinances. The ADEC-administered Commuter I/M Program will be suspended on the same date as the Anchorage I/M Program.

Any questions related to the suspension of the Anchorage I/M Program may be directed to Ms. Cindy Heil, Alaska I/M Program Administrator, by telephone at (907) 269-7579 or by email at cindy.heil@alaska.gov.