

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND THE STATE AIR QUALITY CONTROL PLAN

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 18 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with Chapter 75, Oil and Other Hazardous Substances Pollution Control, including the following:

Amending 18 AAC 75 to recognize the substantial advances in oil spill prevention since the regulations were first drafted and to remove outdated standards. The proposed changes include new regulations regarding flow lines associated with oil production facilities and a significant revision of the facility piping regulations. The changes proposed replace 87 standards currently identified in regulations with 21 updated industry consensus standards. The proposed changes also clarify the regulatory intent and the level of compliance that is required, making compliance requirements clearer, and improve the consistency and predictability of regulations.

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 Craig Wilson., Division of Spill Prevention and Response, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303, Juneau, Alaska 99801, by fax at (907) 465-5245, or by e-mail at Craig_Wilson@dec.state.ak.us. The comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 3, 2006.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Craig Wilson at (907) 465-5204, no later than February 20, 2006 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Craig Wilson at (907) 465-5204 or go to <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/regulations/index.htm> .

After the public comment period ends on March 3, 2006, the Department of Environmental Conservation 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 46.03.020; AS 46.04.030; AS 46.04.055; AS 46.04.070

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 46.03.020; AS 46.03.030; AS 46.04.055;

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

DATE: February 1, 2006


Kurt Fredriksson, Commissioner