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Ms. Barbara Trost
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Dear Ms. Trost:

EPA has evaluated the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's (ADEC's) 2013 Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan (Plan), which describes Alaska's ambient air monitoring network for 2013-14.


In the Plan, ADEC requested that the State or Local Air Monitoring Site (SLAMS) carbon monoxide (CO) monitor at the Fairbanks Old Post Office (OPO) site be discontinued because of low CO values recorded at that location as compared to the NAAQS. ADEC requested that the current CO monitor at the Fairbanks National Core (NCore) site serve as a substitute. In the Plan, ADEC provided a correlation analysis, and a frequency distribution analysis of the CO values at the NCore and OPO sites to support its request.

In a telephone conversation with you on October 31, 2013, EPA requested that the OPO CO monitor remain in place for another year or two to better determine the correlation between the OPO site and the NCore site. You agreed to leave the OPO CO monitor in place for at least another monitoring season and to revisit this issue in the 2014 Alaska network plan. Therefore, EPA will take no further action on this request at this time.

With this letter, EPA is approving the 2013 Plan because it contains the necessary information about the network's existing and proposed sites, as specified at 40 C.F.R. § 58.10(b).

If you have any questions about our approval of the 2013 Annual Monitoring Network Plan, please contact Keith Rose at (206) 553-1949.

Sincerely,


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