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Mr. Dennis McLerran U.S. EPA Region 10
Regional Administrator's Office, RA-140
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Dear Mr. McLerran:

This letter provides for your approval amendments to Alaska's State Air Quality Control Plan or State Implementation Plan (SIP), adopted by reference into the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) at 18 AAC 50.030 as of December 17, 2015 with an effective date of March 2, 2016.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is submitting the enclosed SIP revision for the following:

- Update the Alaska Ambient Air Quality Standard for PM_{2.5} (annual average)
- Meet Clean Air Act section 110(a)(2) infrastructure requirements for the 2012 annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).
- Meet Clean Air Act section 110(a)(2) interstate transportation requirements for the 2010 NO₂, 2010 SO₂, and 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS.
- Meet federal regional haze regulation (40 CFR 51.308) requirements including a five-year regional haze progress report and a revised enhanced smoke management plan.
- Meet federal transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR 93).
- Update rules submitted on December 31, 2014 and January 29, 2015 as part of the Fairbanks Moderate Area Plan.

Within the submittal SIP revision, we are requesting EPA approval of changes to the following rule sections: 18 AAC 50.010(1)(B), 18 AAC 50.065(e), 18 AAC 50.076(g)(4), 18 AAC 50.076(h), 18 AAC 50.076(i), 18 AAC 50.715(c)(8), 18 AAC 50.720, 18 AAC 50.735, and 18 AAC 50.990(140).

We will be submitting the following documents through EPA's eSIP system. If necessary, we will additionally provide one paper copy and one electronic version of the following documents to Kristin Hall of your staff (note the electronic version is an exact duplicate of the paper copy):

- Alaska Administrative Code Title 18, Chapter 50 addressing air quality control, effective March 2, 2016;
- Volume II, Section III: Areawide Pollutant Control Program:
 - Section III.L: Interstate Transportation of Pollution;
- Volume II Section III.K: Areawide Pollutant Control Program for Regional Haze:
 - Section III.K.8: Long-Term Strategy;
 - Section III.K.10: 308 Future Plan Revisions;

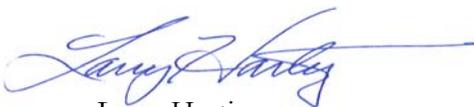
- Volume III, Appendix to Volume II Section III.K: Areawide Pollutant Control Program for Regional Haze:
 - Appendix III.K.8: Alaska Enhanced Smoke Management Plan, and
 - Appendix III.K.10: 2015 Regional Haze Progress Report; and
- Volume III Appendix to Volume II Section II: State Air Quality Control Program:
 - Clean Air Act Section 110 Infrastructure Certification Documentation.

The following supporting documents are also being provided:

1. Lt. Governor's certified Filing Certificate for Permanent Regulations, including Signed Adoption Order, Memorandum of Filed Permanent Regulations, and Regulations, signed on February 1, 2016, with an effective date of regulations of March 2, 2016;
2. Public Review Draft of 18 AAC 50 regulations which shows the changes made to the regulations, with bold lettering as new language and bracketed language as old language, dated October 15, 2015;
3. Notice of Public Comment Period, signed October 15, 2015;
4. Notice of Cancellation of Public Hearing, November 13, 2015;
5. Affidavit of Notice of Proposed Adoption of Regulations and Furnishing of Additional Information, signed December 11, 2015;
6. Affidavits of Publication for the Public Notice (Published in the Alaska Dispatch News and Fairbanks Daily News Miner on October 15, 2015), signed October 16, 2015;
7. Affidavit of Cancellation of Oral Hearing, signed December 11, 2015;
8. Affidavit of Agency Record of Public Comment, signed December 11, 2015;
9. Response to Public Comment, December 17, 2015;
10. Memorandum of Adoption of proposed regulation amendments, signed December 17, 2015;

Denise Koch is available to your staff to respond to questions or to otherwise assist. She can be reached at (907) 465-5109. As always, I would be pleased to discuss any of this with you.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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