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Dennis McLerran, Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA Region 10
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Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Regional Haze Plan SIP Amendments

Dear Mr. McLerran:

This letter requests your approval of 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, with an effective date of April 13, 2011.

The amendments add a new section as Volume II, Section III.K: Areawide Pollutant Control Program for Regional Haze. Also amended are Volume II, Section III.D.VI: Interstate Transport of Particulate Matter, and Volume II, Section III.F: Open Burning.

These amendments address the "Finding of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plans Required by the 1999 Regional Haze Rule," published in the Federal Register on January 15, 2009 (74 FR 2392), and are submitted in accordance with Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 110(a)(2)(D)(I)(ii).

Upon approval of these SIP revisions, we ask that you find the State of Alaska in compliance with the requirements of the 1999 Regional Haze Rule.

We are providing three paper copies and one electronic version of the following documents to Keith Rose of your staff:

- Alaska Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 50 Air Quality Control with an effective date of April 13, 2011, to be published in Register 198, July 2011; and
- The following sections of the *State Air Quality Control Plan*, adopted by reference in 18 AAC 50.030 (as amended February 11, 2011):
 - Volume II, Section III.D.VI: Interstate Transport of Particulate Matter;
 - Volume II, Section III.F: Open Burning;
 - Volume II, Section III.K: Areawide Pollutant Control Program for Regional Haze; and
 - Volume III, Appendices to Volume II (includes 18 AAC Chapter 50 regulations).

The following supporting documents are also being provided:

1. Signed Adoption Order and certified Filing Certificate for Permanent Regulations, signed February 11, 2011 with an effective date of regulation April 13, 2011, along with appropriate delegations;
2. Notice of Public Comment, signed October 9, 2010; Supplemental Public Notice signed October 20, 2010; and second Supplemental Public Notice signed November 9, 2010;
3. Affidavits (8) of Publication for the Public Notice;
4. Affidavit of Agency Record of Public Comment, signed January 20, 2011;
5. Affidavit of Oral Hearing, signed December 1, 2010;
6. Public Hearing Transcripts and Certification of Public Hearing, signed November 29, 2010;
7. Affidavit of Notice of Proposed Adoption of Regulations and Furnishing of Additional Information, signed February 28, 2011;
8. 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 7, 2010;
9. A copy of the tracked regulation amendments prepared by the Department of Law in their transmittal packet to the Lt. Governor for filing, dated March 8, 2011; and
10. Response to public comment on the proposed regulation changes to 18 AAC 50 dated February 4, 2011 (see SIP Appendices Volume III: Section III.K.11.c.).

Your staff may contact Scott Sloane at (907) 465-5176 for additional information. As always, I would be pleased to discuss any of this with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Hartig", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Larry Hartig
Commissioner

Enclosures:

cc: Rick Albright, EPA Region 10 (w/o enclosures)
Keith Rose, EPA Region 10 (w/ enclosures)
Alice Edwards, Director, Division of Air Quality, ADEC (w/o enclosures)
Cynthia Heil, Program Manager, ANPMS Program, ADEC (w/o enclosures)