December 30, 2011

Dennis McLerran
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Dear Mr. McLerran:

As the Governor’s designee for the Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan (SIP), the Department of Environmental Conservation is withdrawing the November 13, 2009 request for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval of SIP amendments. The 2009 request included revisions to the state’s regulations (portions of 18 AAC 52 and 18 AAC 50.030) for the motor vehicle emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program and Anchorage Carbon Monoxide (CO) maintenance plan.

Prior to EPA action on the 2009 request, the Department further revised the Anchorage CO maintenance plan and transmitted those revisions and request for approval to EPA in a letter dated September 29, 2010. The 2010 request supersedes the 2009 SIP revision request. The 2010 revisions were significant and will suspend the I/M program as an active control measure in the Anchorage CO maintenance area upon final approval of this SIP revision by EPA.

We look forward to EPA’s action on the 2010 request.

Sincerely,

Larry Hartig
Commissioner

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