The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has issued the final 2014/2016 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report. DEC is required to report on the condition of Alaska’s waters according to the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). This report categorizes waterbodies and includes the CWA reporting requirements for 305(b) and 303(d) list of impaired waters. The Integrated Report also helps the State prioritize waters for appropriate action such as data gathering, watershed protection, and restoration of impaired waters.

The final 2014/2016 Integrated Report reflects changes to previous years’ reports. DEC is proposing a number of changes to existing waterbody classifications, including identifying healthy waters, adding waters to the impaired waters list, and removing waters from the impaired list where there are now plans in place.

The full report and supporting documents can be found on the DEC web site at: http://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report.aspx