March 2, 2012

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

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) is submitting the enclosed SIP revision for purposes of meeting CAA section 110(a)(2) infrastructure requirements for the 1997 and 2008 ozone NAAQS, 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS, and the 2008 Lead NAAQS. ADEC requests that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10, under the provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R., Title 40, Part 51, Appendix V), propose approval of the SIP revision by parallel processing. The enclosed SIP revises our state regulations (Alaska Administrative Code (AAC)) addressing the following amendments to Alaska’s State Air Quality Control Plan:

- Volume II: Analysis of Problems, Control Action:
  - Section II: State Air Quality Control Program;
  - Section III.H.1: Interstate Transport of Lead Pollution;

- Volume III: (Appendices to Volume II)
  - 18 AAC 50.030 proposed regulation amendment;
  - Clean Air Act Section 110 Infrastructure Certification Documentation;
  - AAC Title 2- Administration; Chapter 50- Alaska Public Offices Commission: Conflict of Interest, Campaign Disclosure, Legislative Financial Disclosure, and Regulations of Lobbying; Article 1 – Public Official Financial Disclosure (2 AAC 50.010- 2 AAC 50.200); and
  - AAC Title 9 – Law; Chapter 52 – Executive Branch Code of Ethics (9 AAC 52.010 – 9 AAC 52.990).

We understand that EPA is under consent decree to propose action on Alaska’s “infrastructure” requirements for the 1997 ozone NAAQS by March 31, 2012; and must take final action by July 31, 2012.
ADEC anticipates conducting the public comment period and providing an opportunity for a hearing on the SIP package starting March 4, 2012, and will submit the final SIP package to EPA following final state approval and legal review later in the spring or early summer 2012.

Your staff may contact Alice Edwards at (907) 465-5109 or Cindy Heil at (907) 269-7579 for additional information.

Sincerely,

Larry Hartig,
Commissioner

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