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Dennis McLerran, Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA Region 10
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Dear Mr. McLerran:

This letter provides, for your approval, amendments to Alaska's State Air Quality Control Plan (SIP), adopted by reference into Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) at 18 AAC 50.030, with an effective date of April 1, 2010. The amendments include the adoption of the primary and secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), ozone and lead, as well as the adoption of the federal methods for monitoring and measuring PM_{2.5}, ozone and lead in ambient air. These amendments also include adopting by reference the federal transportation conformity regulations, and revisions to Alaska's Transportation Conformity plan contained in Volume II, Section III.I of Alaska's SIP.

We are providing three (3) paper copies and one electronic version of the following documents to Krishna Viswanathan of your staff:

- Alaska Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 50 Air Quality Control with an effective date of April 1, 2010, to be published in Register 193, April 2010
- Sections of the *State Air Quality Control Plan*, adopted by reference under 18 AAC 50.030 as amended November 6, 2009, including:
- Volume II, Section III.I. Transportation Conformity

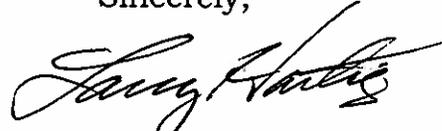
The following supporting documents are also being provided:

1. Signed Adoption Order and certified Filing Certificate for Permanent Regulations, filed March 2, 2010 with an effective date of regulation April 1, 2010;
2. Notice of Public Comment, signed August 14, 2009;
3. Affidavits (3) of Publication for the Public Notice;

4. Affidavit of Agency Record of Public Comment (signed September 28, 2009) indicating written public comments were received;
5. Affidavit of Oral Hearing, signed September 23, 2009;
6. Public Hearing Transcripts and Certification of Public Hearing, signed September 26, 2009;
7. Affidavit of Notice of Proposed Adoption of Regulations and Furnishing of Additional Information, signed September 28, 2009;
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 August 14, 2009;
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 February 23, 2010; and
10. Response to Public Comments on proposed regulation changes to 18 AAC 50, dated October 15, 2009.

If you or your staff have any questions or need additional information regarding these amendments, please contact Scott Sloane at (907) 465-5176.

Sincerely,



Larry Hartig
Commissioner

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