June 24, 2014

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

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) hereby submits a revision to our State Implementation Plan (SIP) and requests EPA approval of the submission in accordance with 40 C.F.R. 51. The revisions to 18 AAC 50 have an effective date of October 6, 2013, and include the following changes:

- adopt revised language to address Eagle River designation change in 18 AAC 50.015.
- update adoption by reference dates of federal rules adopted in 18 AAC 50.040.
- repeal obsolete language in 18 AAC 50.040.
- adopt revised language to clarify definitions in 18 AAC 50.040, 18 AAC 50.260, and 18 AAC 50.321.
- repeal unnecessary language in 18 AAC 50.225(b)(7).
- adopt updated definitions in 18 AAC 50.990(40) and (121).

ADEC requests EPA approval of the applicable parts of the submission found in 18 AAC 50.015; 18 AAC 50.040(f); 18 AAC 50.040(h)(1) – (6), (8), (10) – (16) and (20); 18 AAC 50.225(b)(7); 18 AAC 50.260; and 18 AAC 50.990(40) and (121).

ADEC is not submitting the PM2.5 SIL and SMC provisions adopted by reference in 18 AAC 50.040(h)(7) and (9) for SIP approval, as we are addressing those issues in a future package, as described in the department's February 12, 2014, letter to EPA. Additionally, ADEC is not submitting 18 AAC 50.321 for SIP approval.

We are enclosing one paper copy and one electronic version of the following documents:

SIP Revision:
- Signed & Certified Adoption Order and Filing Certificate for Permanent Regulations, filed September 6, 2013, with an effective date of October 6, 2013; Adoption Order of Commissioner Larry Hartig signed by Lynn Kent, Deputy Commissioner under delegation from Larry Hartig, Commissioner on August 7, 2013, with Filing Certification of Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell signed by Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell on September 6, 2013; adoption draft of Alaska Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 50 Air Quality Control with an effective date of October 6, 2013, published in Register 208, January 2013 (hand written register number and notes from the Department of Law).
Supporting Documentation includes:

- Affidavits of Publication for the Public Notice (published in Anchorage Daily News on April 30 – May 1, 2013, signed April 30, 2013; Fairbanks Daily New Miner on May 1 – 2, 2013, signed May 2, 2013; and Juneau Empire on May 1 – 2, 2013, signed May 24, 2013);
- Affidavit of Agency Record of Public Comment, signed June 11, 2013;
- Affidavit of Cancellation of Oral Hearing, signed June 11, 2013;
- Affidavit of Notice of Proposed Adoption of Regulations and Furnishing of Additional Information, signed June 11, 2013;
- Public Review Draft of proposed changes to 18 AAC 50 showing changes with new language indicated by bold lettering and old language shown in brackets, dated April 29, 2013; and
- Alaska Air Quality Control Regulations 18 AAC 50, Effective October 6, 2013 (electronic copy on CD only).

Please have your staff contact Ms. Rebecca Smith if they have any questions or need additional assistance with this submittal. She can be reached at (907) 465-5121 or by e-mail at rebecca.smith@alaska.gov. Thank you for your consideration of our SIP revision submittal, and we look forward to your approval of the package.

Sincerely,

Lynn J. Tomich Kent
Commissioner

Enclosures

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