

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 18, Chapter 50 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with Air Quality Control, including the following:

- Adopt a new standard for sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) in 18 AAC 50.010.
- Adopt new significant impact levels for fine particulate matter (PM-2.5) and 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> in 18 AAC 50.215.
- Adopt new emission rate basis for greenhouse gases in 18 AAC 50.326.
- Update dates of certain federal regulations adopted by reference in 18 AAC 50.035.
- Update, add, and clarify language in 18 AAC 50.010, 18 AAC 50.215, 18 AAC 50.220.
- Add new definitions to 18 AAC 50.990.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Rebecca Smith, Environmental Program Specialist, Air Permit Program, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Avenue Suite 303, P.O. Box 111800, Juneau, AK 99811-1800, by facsimile at: (907) 465-5129, or by e-mail to the Air Quality Comments Docket at [dec.aq.airdocket@alaska.gov](mailto:dec.aq.airdocket@alaska.gov). Comments must be received by **5:00 p.m., on March 24, 2011**. Comments received after this date will not be considered in final action on these rules.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on March 18, 2011, at the DEC Building, First Floor Main Conference Room, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska. The hearing will be held from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 11:30 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. There will be a call-in number if you are not able to attend the meeting in person. The call-in number will be 1-800-315-6338, and the Meet Me Code will be 8123#.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Deborah Pock at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 no later than 20 days after publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Rebecca Smith, Air Permit Program, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Ave., Suite 303, P.O. Box 111800, Juneau, AK 99811-1800; by phone at (907) 465-5121; by facsimile at (907) 465-5129; or go to <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/ap/regulati.htm>. The proposed regulations and a Department Explanation of the Proposed Changes document are available from the DEC Air Quality web site at <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/ap/calendar.htm> and at <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/ap/regulati.htm>

After the public comment period ends on March 24, 2011, DEC will either adopt these or other

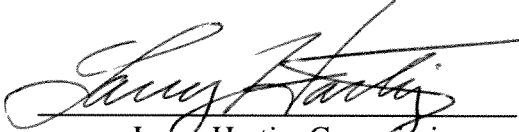
provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.** Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

**Statutory Authority:** AS 46.03.020, AS 46.03.710, AS 46.14.010, AS 46.14.020, AS 46.14.030, AS 46.14.400

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 46.14.010, AS 46.14.020, AS 46.14.030, AS 46.14.120, AS 46.14.140

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Dated: February 14, 2011  
Anchorage, Alaska



Larry Hartig, Commissioner

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION  
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Department of Environmental Conservation
2. General subject of regulation: ADOPTION OF NEW STANDARDS, SIGNIFICANT IMPACT LEVELS, AND AIR EPISODE CONCENTRATIONS; ADOPTION BY REFERENCE UPDATES; CORRECT AND CLARIFY REGULATIONS.
3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 18 AAC 50
4. Reason for the proposed action:  
 compliance with federal law  
 compliance with new or changed state statute  
 compliance with federal court order  
 development of program standards  
 other:
5. Program category and BRU affected: Air Permits Program, Air Quality
6. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars)

	Initial Year FY 2011	Subsequent Years
Cost	\$ 0___	\$ 0___
General fund	\$ 0___	\$ 0___
Federal funds	\$ 0___	\$ 0___
Other funds (specify)	\$ 0___	\$ 0___

7. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

Name            Tom Turner  
Title            Environmental Program Manager  
Address        619 E. Ship Creek, Suite 249  
                  Anchorage Alaska 99501  
Telephone     (907) 269-8123  
E-mail address [tom.turner@alaska.gov](mailto:tom.turner@alaska.gov)

8. The origin of the proposed action:

staff of state agency  
 federal government  
 general public  
 petition for regulation change  
 other (please list)

9. Date: February 14, 2011

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:        Rebecca Tyson Smith  
Title:        Environmental Program Specialist  
Telephone: (907) 465-5121