

NOTICE OF INFORMAL COMMENT PERIOD ON AIR QUALITY REGULATIONS (18 AAC 50)

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is opening an informal comment period to gather public input on Alaska's air quality regulations, found in 18 AAC 50.

Alaska's air quality regulations set statewide rules for protecting clean air.

POSTING: The full set of official air quality regulations (18 AAC 50) is available at the BASIS website at <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#18.50>. A PDF version of 18 AAC 50 document is also available on the DEC website at <https://dec.alaska.gov/media/b1kj1lr4/18-aac-50.pdf>.

COMMENTS: DEC is requesting comments on all sections of 18 AAC 50. We want to know which regulations could be improved or clarified, and what changes might make them easier to understand and follow. This is not a formal rulemaking process—your input will help shape future decisions about how Alaska's air quality rules are refined:

- Clarify existing regulatory obligations;
- reduce costs for the public, industry, or government;
- improve or streamline procedures, application requirements, and review processes, for example reducing the time required to apply for a license, permit, or benefit;
- reduce administrative burdens;
- streamline permitting procedures;
- improve communication procedures;
- provide greater transparency with respect to standards, decision-making, and rationales for application processing; or
- clarify interagency roles.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 360: This notice is part of Governor Dunleavy's Administrative Order 360, which directs agencies to review regulations and identify ways to make them more transparent, more efficient, and less burdensome while continuing to protect Alaskans.

DEADLINE: Comments must be received by **no later than 11:59 p.m. on September 26, 2025.**

TO COMMENT:

- You may submit written comments:
 - by email to dec.air.comment@alaska.gov;

- electronically on the Electronic Comment Submission page on our Air Online Services website at <https://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/FormalComments>;
 - via mail to Jason Olds, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Conservation, P.O. Box 111800, Juneau, Alaska 99811-1800.
- You may submit oral comments during the telephonic hearing to be held September 24, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You may participate by phone by calling 907-202-7104 and using code 716557533#. Testimony will be taken from attendees in order of call in. Prior to the start of the hearing, DEC may limit the time allotted for each person providing oral testimony, as reasonably necessary, to conclude the hearing in the time provided. The hearing may be extended for a reasonable amount of time to accommodate those present before 2:00 p.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment prior to that time.
- If you would like to request an in-person hearing, please contact Rebecca Smith at rebecca.smith@alaska.gov or 907-465-5121 by 5:00 p.m. by September 5, 2025, with your request. DEC will then schedule an in-person hearing within the public comment period if possible and will public notice the time and location of the in-person hearing.

Please do not include any confidential information in written or oral comments.

ADA: The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation, complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation to participate in this public process, please get in touch with Kristin Mabry at kristin.mabry@alaska.gov or 907-334-0884. Alaska Relay/TTY/TDD users may call 800-770-8973 or dial 711.

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CLOSE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 11:59 pm, September 26, 2025.