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Subject: Response to EPA Region 10 Findings on the ADEC 2016 Annual Monitoring Network Plan

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Air Quality Division received your letter dated November 13, 2017, which contained the EPA Region 10 findings on the ADEC 2016 Annual Monitoring Network Plan (ANP). This letter describes how ADEC will respond to EPA's requests.

We acknowledge that both the 2016 and 2017 Annual Network Plans (ANP) did not meet the submission deadline. In consultation with EPA, ADEC decided to delay submission of the 2017 ANP until after ADEC received an EPA response to the 2016 ANP. ADEC will incorporate the deficiencies identified in your letter under numbers 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10 in the 2017 ANP, which we will finalize within the coming weeks and make available to the public for comments.

Regarding comment number seven, the original submission of the 2016 ANP on February 27, 2017 included the 2016 ANP, the public notice, and a statement in the cover letter that no public comments had been received during the 30 day comment period. Your staff contacted us via email on February 27, 2017, immediately after receipt of the 2016 ANP to announce that EPA was working on comments for ADEC to incorporate into the 2016 ANP. EPA submitted these comments to ADEC on March 15, 2017. The subsequent ADEC submittal cover letter sent April 13, 2017 addressed the EPA comments, but did not reiterate that ADEC had observed the public comment period. In the future, ADCE will more clearly identify the comment period and how any public comments have been handled.

Regarding the reporting of continuous PM_{2.5} data for the Fairbanks non-attainment area mentioned in your fourth comment, ADEC will provide a separate letter with a justification for our waiver request.

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If you have any questions or comments about ADEC's approach for addressing your comments, please contact the ADEC Air Monitoring & Quality Assurance Manager, Barbara Trost at (907) 269-6249 or me at (907) 465-5105.

Sincerely,



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