

STATE OF ALASKA

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER
WATER QUALITY STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT AND
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Dear Interested Alaskan,

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is interested in seeking your views about revisions to the Alaska Water Quality Standards (WQS). WQS are regulations to protect and restore water quality in Alaska. DEC uses WQS when issuing wastewater discharge permits, evaluating the health of Alaska's waters, and determining when clean-up of polluted waters has been successful.

DEC is proposing to revise water quality regulations for residues in fresh and marine waters in Title 18 of the Alaska Administrative Code, Chapter 70, Water Quality Standards.

For more details, please see the attached public notice. If you are interested in seeing the proposed revision text, you may obtain copies of them from DEC's offices statewide, or on DEC's Homepage at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/index.htm>. To have a copy mailed to you call Carl Reese at (907) 465-5108.

Before any of these changes can be implemented, DEC will hold public hearings so that Alaskans who are interested in the Water Quality Standards regulations may learn about the proposed changes and discuss them in detail.

Oral or written testimony may be given at a public hearing from 4 pm to 6 pm on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, 1st Floor Main Conference Room, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501. Statewide call-in is available by dialing 1-800-315-6338, Conference Code 2881 followed by the pound (#) sign.

DEC will be accepting written public comments on the proposed revisions until January 12, at 5:00 p.m.

Comments should be mailed or emailed to:

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the Alaska Water Quality Standards regulations.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures