

**CORRECTED**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE**  
**REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL**  
**CONSERVATION**

This corrected public notice updates the public notice that was posted on December 12, 2008 on the Alaska Online Public Notice System. This corrected public notice changes the dates of the public workshop in Juneau and the public hearing in Anchorage.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 18 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with Chapter 70, Water Quality Standards, including the following:

DEC is proposing to update the *Alaska Water Quality Criteria Manual for Toxic and Other Deleterious Organic and Inorganic Substances* ("Toxics Manual") containing tables of numeric criteria as well as reference information for all criteria. The Toxics Manual will be adopted by reference in the Water Quality Standards' regulations in 18 AAC 70. The intent of this revision is to make the Toxics Manual easier to use by reorganizing the table of numeric criteria. This update also revises the chronic aluminum criterion, corrects an error in the saltwater ammonia criterion, adopts the most current drinking water MCLs, and includes other EPA-recommended updates to the aquatic life criteria.

The proposed regulations and factsheets can be found at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wqsar/wqs/index.htm>

DEC will be scheduling workshops to answer questions that the public may have about this proposal. No public testimony will be taken at these workshops. Attend a workshop to learn more about this proposal:

Juneau: 4 pm to 6 pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, Main Conference Room, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, AK 99811

Fairbanks: 4 pm to 6 pm on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, Conference Room B/C, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 610 University Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99709

Oral or written testimony may be given at a public hearing from 4 pm to 6 pm on Thursday, January 22, 2009, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Main Conference Room, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501. Statewide call-in available by dialing 1-800-315-6338, Conference Code 2881 followed by the pound (#) sign.

**All written comments must be received by 5 PM on February 6, 2009.**

Comments should be mailed or emailed to:

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Division of Water  
Water Quality Standards  
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For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Erin Strang at 610 University Drive, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709 or email [Erin.Strang@alaska.gov](mailto:Erin.Strang@alaska.gov), or call (907) 451-2881, or go to DEC's Notices of Proposed Regulations section on the state's Online Public Notice Website at <http://notes.state.ak.us/pn/pubnotic.nsf>. Background information and a fact sheet explaining the proposed regulation can be found at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wqsar/wqs/index.htm>

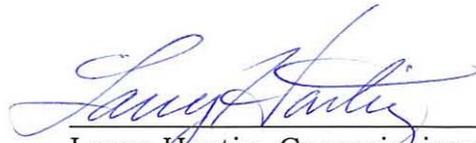
After the public comment period ends on February 6, 2009, the Department of Environmental Conservation will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.** Written comments received are public records and subject to public inspection.

**Statutory Authority:** AS 46.03.010; AS 46.03.020; AS 46.03.050; AS 46.03.070; AS 46.03.080; AS 46.03.710.

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 46.03.070; AS 46.03.080; AS 46.03.100; AS 46.03.110; AS 46.03.710.

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

DATE: December 16, 2008

  
Larry Hartig, Commissioner