

**WATER QUALITY STANDARDS: SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN
THE
REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Division of Water proposes to amend regulations in Title 18, Chapters 70 and 83 of the Alaska Administrative Code by updating the standard analytical methods DEC uses to measure compliance with Alaska water quality standards and wastewater permit effluent limits.

DEC proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 18, Chapter 70 and 83 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with Water Quality Standards, including the following:

- (1) amend Notes 1, 9, and 10 to the Water Quality Standards Table in 18 AAC 70.020(b) by revising provisions pertaining to methodology and by adopting updated published versions of regulatory information previously adopted by reference;
- (2) amend 18 AAC 70.020(c)(1) – (3) by adopting updated published versions of the regulatory information previously adopted by reference;
- (3) amend 18 AAC 70.030(a) by adopting updated published versions of the regulatory information previously adopted by reference; and
- (4) amend 18 AAC 83.010(f) by adopting the updated published version of Code of Federal Regulations previously adopted by reference.

This is a SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE containing information pertinent to the NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES that was originally issued on January 13, 2015, concerning the proposed regulatory revisions. This SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE is being issued to clarify the description of the proposed regulatory changes and because the original notice did not include the invitation to submit written questions regarding the proposed changes at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period, if a commenter wished to facilitate a response on a question from DEC before the close of the comment period.

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 Denise Elston, DEC Division of Water, at 410 Willoughby Ave, Suite 303, P.O. Box 11800, Juneau, Alaska 99811. Additionally, DEC will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-5274 and by electronic mail at denise.elston@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system and using the "comment" link. The comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2015.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on Wednesday February 25, 2015, in the DEC Main Conference Room, Second Floor, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau. The hearing will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 6:00 p.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. Those individuals who cannot attend the public hearing but wish to participate via teleconference may do so by calling (800) 315-6338. Access Code 51851.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Denise Elston by electronic mail at denise.elston@alaska.gov or 410 Willoughby Ave, Suite 303, P.O. Box 11800, Juneau, Alaska 99811. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. DEC will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and response available on http://dec.alaska.gov/Water/wqsar/wqs/analytical_methods_updates.htm. DEC may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Eric Hotchkiss at (907) 465-6171 no later than February 13, 2015 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes are available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Denise Elston, DEC Division of Water, at 410 Willoughby Ave, Suite 303, P.O. Box 11800, Juneau, Alaska 99811, (907) 465-5018.

A copy of material proposed for adoption by reference may be viewed at the agency's office at 410 Willoughby Ave, Suite 303, P.O. Box 11800, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

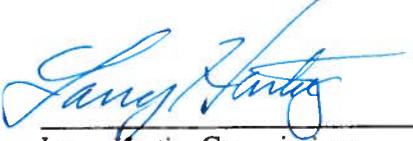
After the public comment period ends, DEC will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **You should 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 46.03.010; AS 46.03.020; AS 46.03.050; AS 46.03.070; AS 46.03.080; AS 46.03.100; AS 46.03.110; AS 46.03.710

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 46.03.010 – AS 46.03.024; AS 46.03.070; AS 46.03.080; AS 46.03.100; AS 46.03.710;

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

DATE: January 20, 2015


Larry Hartig, Commissioner