

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE AIR QUALITY REGULATIONS OF THE
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) proposes to adopt regulation changes addressing air quality, to adopt federally required amendments to the state air quality plan, and amend requirements of the wood seller registration program for the Fairbanks North Star Borough Nonattainment Area.

ADEC published a public notice regarding these proposed changes on [October 15, 2015](#). In the public notice, the Department announced that two public hearings for these proposed regulations were tentatively scheduled for November 17, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the ADEC Anchorage Bayview Office and the ADEC Fairbanks Office. The Department did not receive a request to hold the public hearings by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2015, as required in the original public notice. Therefore, the public hearings will not be held.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation proposes to adopt changes in 18 AAC 50 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with air quality, including the following:

- 1) Amend 18 AAC 50.010 to update the annual PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
- 2) Amend 18 AAC 50.030 to adopt revisions to the State Air Quality Control Plan in:
 - Volume II Section III: Areawide Pollutant Control Program:
 - Adopt new Section III.L: Interstate Transport of Pollution;
 - Volume II Section III.K: Areawide Pollutant Control Program for Regional Haze:
 - Amend Section III.K.8: Long-Term Strategy, and
 - Amend Section III.K.10: 308 Future Plan Revisions;
 - Volume III Appendix to Volume II Section III.K: Areawide Pollutant Control Program for Regional Haze:
 - Amend Appendix III.K.8: Alaska Enhanced Smoke Management Plan, and
 - Amend Appendix III.K.10: 2015 Regional Haze Progress Report; and
 - Volume III Appendix to Volume II Section II: State Air Quality Control Program:
 - Amend Clean Air Act Section 110 Infrastructure Certification Documentation.
- 3) Amend 18 AAC 50.065(e) to reference an existing regulation.
- 4) Amend 18 AAC 50.076 to account for wood sellers that use mechanical or kiln drying methods and exempt portions of registered wood seller sales from moisture content measurement and disclosure requirements.
- 5) Amend 18 AAC 50.715 to add a federal reference.
- 6) Amend 18 AAC 50.720 to clarify charges imposed for inspection and copying of information related to a transportation conformity determination.
- 7) Repeal 18 AAC 50.735: Frequency of Transportation Conformity Determinations.
- 8) Amend 18 AAC 50.990 to modify the definition of “woodstove.”

Posting

The above list of proposed changes to the regulations only provides a concise summary of their subject matter. Copies of the proposed regulation changes and SIP amendments are available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/anpms/SIP/AirQualityRegulations-2015.htm>. A copy of material proposed for adoption by reference is available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/Air/anpms/SIP/18AAC50ReferenceMaterials.htm>.

Questions

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action using the electronic question form at <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/anpms/SIP/AirQualityRegulations-2015.htm>; by email to dec.air.comment@alaska.gov; by facsimile to (907) 269-7508; or by mail to: Alex Edwards, Division of Air Quality, 619 E Ship Creek Ave,

Suite 249 Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Questions may also be submitted verbally in testimony at the public hearing, if held. The department will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/anpms/SIP/AirQualityRegulations-2015.htm>. The questions must be received by November 23, 2015. The Department may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after November 23, 2015, the 10-day cut-off date.

Comments

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying and practical alternatives to the proposed changes. Submit written comments through the electronic comment form at <https://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/FormalComments>; by e-mail to dec.air.comment@alaska.gov; by facsimile to (907) 269-7508; or by mail to: Alex Edwards, Division of Air Quality, 619 E Ship Creek Ave, Suite 249 Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 3, 2015. Comments received after this date will not be considered in final action on these rules and the air quality plan.

If you experience a disability and need special accommodation to participate in this public process, please contact Natalie Wolfe at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 seven days prior to the public hearing to ensure necessary accommodations can be provided.

After the public comment period ends, ADEC will either adopt these 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 are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 46.03.010, AS 46.03.020, AS 46.14.010, AS 46.14.030

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 46.14.010, AS 46.14.030

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