NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF REGIONAL HAZE PROGRESS REPORT FOR REVIEW FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Environmental Conservation is providing the 2025 Regional Haze Progress Report for public review and comment.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has prepared the 2025 Regional Haze Progress Report (RH Progress Report) that the department is required to submit to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Clean Air Act. DEC is providing the report for public review and comment.

Posting

The RH Progress Report is available at the Progress Report link under the Regional Haze Progress Report section on: https://dec.alaska.gov/air/anpms/regional-haze/. Materials not feasible to post, such as those that are copyrighted, may be viewed at the DEC offices at the following locations: DEC Anchorage Building, 555 Cordova St., Anchorage; DEC Fairbanks Office Building, 610 University Avenue, Fairbanks; and DEC Juneau Office Building, 410 Willoughby Ave., Second Floor. To arrange to view the materials, contact Dawn Laster at 907-269-0065 or dawn.laster@alaska.gov

Comments

You may comment on the Progress Report by submitting written comments to Morgan Frank at Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Air Quality, Attn. Morgen Frank, 555 Cordova St, Anchorage, AK 99501. Additionally, the Department of Environmental Conservation will accept comments by electronic mail at dec.air.comment@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice in the Environmental Conservation section on the https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Notices/Browse.aspx page and clicking on the comment link on the 2025 Regional Haze Progress Report page. The comments must be received not later than 11:59 p.m. on August 14, 2025. The comment period is a requirement of the Clean Air Act. DEC is accepting comments but will not prepare a response to comments document.

Hearing

DEC has tentatively scheduled a public hearing to solicit comments on the Progress Report, to be held on Monday, August 11, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. via teleconference. The public hearing will be held only if a request to hold the public hearing is received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2025. You may request that the public hearing be held by calling Morgan Frank at 907-269-4913 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by e-mailing a request to morgan.frank@alaska.gov. If no request for the public hearing is received by August 4, 2025, the public hearing will be cancelled. DEC will announce the cancellation of the public hearing by publishing a public notice by 5:00 p.m. on August 5, 2025, on these websites:

https://dec.alaska.gov/air/anpms/regional-haze/https://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/AirPermitsApprovalsAndPublicNotices; and https://dec.alaska.gov/commish/public-notices.

You may provide oral comments relevant to the Progress Report via telephone at the tentatively scheduled hearing to be held on Monday, August 11, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. by calling 1-907-202-7104 and using code 565305657# to log in. Callers should be on the line before the hearing begins at 12:00 p.m. if they would like to provide oral testimony so that we can document contact information for the record and determine the order of testimony. Prior to the start of the hearing, DEC may limit the time allotted for each person providing oral testimony, as reasonably necessary to conclude the hearing in the time provided. The hearing may be extended for a reasonable amount of time to accommodate those present before 12:30 p.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment prior to that time.

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need an accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact ADA Coordinator Kristin Mabry, kristin.mabry@alaska.gov, 1-907-334-0884; Alaska Relay Service/TTY/TDD 1-800-770-8973; or 711 **prior to August 8, 2025**, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Environmental Conservation will submit the Progress Report to EPA.

DEC, Division of Air Quality keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations, documents, and notifications. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of the Division of Air Quality notices of proposed regulation changes or other notifications for which they've subscribed. To be added to or removed from the list, you may sign up on the Air Online Services (AOS) page at:

<u>http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index/.</u> A myAlaska account is required to use the AOS system.

Individuals can also signup to receive automated notifications of all State of Alaska notices, including public notice for regulation changes, by subscribing to the Alaska Online Public Notices System: https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx.

Publish: Alaska Web

Close of Public Comment Period: 11:59 P.M., August 14, 2025.