Supplemental Notice of Public Scoping: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan Requirements

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (department) is seeking input from the public on the oil discharge prevention and contingency plan regulations under 18 AAC 75 Article 4 (<u>http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/aac.asp#18.75.400</u>). The department is also accepting comments on our statutory authorities relevant to contingency planning under AS 46.04 (<u>http://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#46.04</u>).

This is a supplemental notice adding to the Notice of Public Comment Period that was issued on October 15, 2019. This supplemental notice is being issued to extend the public comment period until March 16, 2020.

No specific regulation revisions are proposed at this time, and there are no draft regulations to review. Based upon the input received, a formal regulation drafting and review process may be initiated and would be subject to public review and comment.

The department specifically would like to hear about whether the current regulations could be made more clear and understandable without compromising environmental protection or if any portions may be outdated or duplicative. The department is also interested in new ideas that may make contingency plans more effective. As this is a scoping process, all public comments will be considered and posted on the DEC website, but the department will not be preparing a responsiveness summary.

Public Input

Written comments must be received by the department no later than 11:59 pm on March 16, 2020.

To submit your comments electronically, visit: http://alaskadec.commentinput.com

Alternately, you may mail comments to:

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<u>Please Note:</u> The full contents of all submitted comments are **considered public records** and will be posted online in full during the scoping comment period.

Following this scoping process, any proposed regulatory revisions will be released for public review and comment in a separate process consistent with AS 44.62, the Administrative Procedures Act.

The department complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Kate Orozco at (907) 465-6171 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 10 days prior to the end of the public scoping period.