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PUBLIC NOTICE

SOLICITATION for WATER QUALITY DATA/ INFORMATION and NOTICE of FUTURE PLANNING STRATEGIES

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is requesting water quality information for the development of Alaska's 2014/2016 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report (Integrated Report). This biennial report describes to Alaskans the health of Alaska's waters (as required under Sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the federal Clean Water Act) and includes the list of impaired (polluted) waters.

DEC encourages the public to submit any existing and readily available water quality related data and information for consideration by the Department in preparing the 2014/2016 Integrated Report. Updates and revisions will also be made to the final 2012 Integrated Report. All data and information must be submitted to DEC no later than 5 PM Monday, September 14, 2015 in order to be considered for the final 2014/2016 Integrated Report.

DEC will review all information submitted and will public notice the draft 2014/2016 Integrated Report later this winter. A final Integrated Report is required to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency by April 1, 2016. The final report will be available to the public.

Alaska's final 2012 Integrated Report is available on-line at
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wqsar/waterbody/docs/2012finalIntegratedReport.pdf>

Additionally, the DEC Division of Water is also providing notice of two planning documents recently completed and the public is encouraged to review these strategic plans.

1. Alaska Nonpoint Source (NPS) Water Pollution Control Strategy
<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wqsar/Docs/AlaskaNonpointSourceWaterPollutionControlStrategy.pdf> and
2. Alaska's Clean Water Five-Year Strategic Plan
<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wqsar/Docs/AlaskaCleanWaterFive-YearPlan.pdf>

To request a hardcopy of the documents, contact DEC at:

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To sign up to get DEC Nonpoint Source program announcements visit
<http://list.state.ak.us/soalists/dec.wqsar.nps/jl.htm>

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