

**Project Update**  Information Item  Business Item

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SUBJECT: Release of Draft Anchorage CO Maintenance Plan for Public Review

PROJECT NO.:

GROUP: AMATS Policy Committee

DATE: May 8, 2008

PROJECT INFORMATION: Revisions to the Anchorage CO Maintenance Plan required to discontinue the Anchorage Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program

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**BACKGROUND:** On April 24<sup>th</sup> the AMATS TAC released the draft revised Anchorage CO Maintenance Plan for 30-day public review. The revised plan proposes to eliminate the Inspection and Maintenance Program (I/M) as a CO control measure in December 2009. It retains commitments to other CO controls such as ridesharing and vanpooling, transit marketing, engine block heater plug-in promotion and other air quality public awareness efforts.

Revision to the CO Maintenance Plan became necessary last November when the Anchorage Assembly voted to discontinue I/M by the end of 2009. Before I/M can be lawfully terminated, a revised Plan must be prepared that shows that discontinuing I/M will not lead to future violations of the federal air quality standard. The revised Plan shows that terminating I/M will not jeopardize continued compliance with the CO air quality standard.

**SCHEDULE:** The revised Plan must be approved by AMATS, adopted by the Anchorage Assembly and forwarded to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) for incorporation in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. After the State completes the revision to their SIP, they must forward these revisions to EPA for approval. The EPA approval process can take up to 18 months.

AMATS TAC release of CO Plan for 30-day public review	Apr 24, 2008
AMATS TAC review of CO Plan and public comments	May 22, 2008
AMATS Policy Committee review/approval of Plan	June 12, 2008
Anchorage Assembly considers Plan for adoption	June 24, 2008
ADEC public review process	June 15 – July 31, 2008
ADEC legal review, adoption as a revision to the SIP	August – Nov 2008
ADEC submits SIP revision to EPA for approval	Dec 2008
EPA review and approval process (up to 18 months)	June 2010

**BUDGET:** Work was accomplished by Municipality of Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services staff with partial support by AMATS PL funds.

**STATUS:** Draft plan is complete and has been reviewed by the AMATS Air Quality Advisory Committee and released for public. Public comment period ends May 24.