

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON LASER PROTECTION STANDARDS  
IN THE REGULATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

**Summary of proposed changes:** The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 18 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with laser protection standards, including the following:

- (1) 18 AAC 85.670 – 18 AAC 85.730 are proposed to be repealed. The intended effect of this repeal is to eliminate regulations related to laser protection standards.

**Written comments:** You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting comments electronically via our public notice site at <https://dec.alaska.gov/comment/> or you may submit written comments by mail, email, or fax to:

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Email: [rebecca.colvin@alaska.gov](mailto:rebecca.colvin@alaska.gov).

**Written comment deadline:** The written comments must be received not later than 11:59 pm on September 11, 2026.

**Questions:** You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Rebecca Colvin at [rebecca.colvin@alaska.gov](mailto:rebecca.colvin@alaska.gov) or at 555 Cordova St. Anchorage, AK 99501. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The ADEC will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and at <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/regulations>.

**Public nature of comments and questions:** Public comments and questions, once submitted, are public records and subject to disclosure under the Alaska Public Records Act. See AS 40.25.100 - 40.25.295. Do NOT include in your comments or questions any information that you do not want made public.

**Accommodations:** If you are a person with a disability who needs a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Kristin Mabry [kristin.mabry@alaska.gov](mailto:kristin.mabry@alaska.gov) 907-334-0884, not later than August 31, 2026, to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

**Obtaining copies of proposed regulations:** A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and at <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/regulations>.

**Final version of regulations.** After the public comment period ends, the ADEC will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that

of the proposed regulation.

**Statutory authority:** AS 46.03.020; AS 46.03.250

**Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific:** AS 46.03.260

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

**How to receive further notices:** The ADEC keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of the ADEC notices of proposed regulation changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to the ADEC at [DEC.PIO@alaska.gov](mailto:DEC.PIO@alaska.gov), giving your name, and either your e-mail address or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices.

Individuals can also sign up 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>.

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Randy Bates, Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Conservation