

**State of Alaska  
FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Environmental Conservation  
Air and Water Director  
Component Budget Summary**

## **Component: Air and Water Director**

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## **Component Mission**

Lead and direct division staff in accomplishing the division's goals.

## **Component Services Provided**

Overall leadership and management of the air and water quality programs of the division.

## **Component Goals and Strategies**

### 1) MANAGE AIR AND WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS WITHIN THE DIVISION.

- Establish clear goals and objectives for each program of the division to support individual program based work plans, financial plans, performance expectations and efficiencies.
- Direct improvements for the wastewater discharge permit program providing for permit review, issuance and field compliance assistance services that meet the needs of Alaska communities, businesses and industries while safeguarding public health and water quality.
- Prepare for the delegation of the NPDES wastewater permitting program from EPA to the State by drafting statutory and regulatory changes, operational procedures and funding options for consideration by the Alaska Legislature in 2004.
- Direct a major reform of Alaska's air permitting program to streamline the program, make its services reliable, predictable and capable of on-time permit delivery while not compromising Alaska's air quality resources.

## **Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004**

The director's office must ensure that the resources and priorities of the division are directed towards the fulfillment of the division's mission to protect air and water quality. Key issues for the Air and Water Quality division in FY2004 will be:

- Full implementation of the commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance law.
- Completion of the wastewater discharge permitting and oversight program redesign.
- Implementation of SB 326 guiding the department's analyses and preparation of draft statutes, draft regulations, permit review procedures and financial plans necessary for making a decision in 2004 whether Alaska will seek primacy authority to issue Clean Water Act wastewater discharge NPDES permits
- Improve permitting services and efficiencies in the air permitting program based on the recommendations made by external stakeholder workgroup.
- Assisting the department of law in preparing the state's case for argument before the U.S. Supreme Court to seek reversal of the 9th Circuit Court decision involving Alaska's state right to make the final air permit decision for new equipment installed at Cominco's Red Dog mine in northwest Alaska.

## **Major Component Accomplishments in 2002**

- Working with Anchorage and Fairbanks, the department completed an air quality plan that demonstrated Anchorage and Fairbanks had achieved the air quality health standard for carbon monoxide.
- Upon request of various industry representatives, provided for additional stakeholder participation and DEC policy consideration of the contents of standard permit conditions for air operating permits prior to adopting these regulations in early 2002. The review provided greater flexibility for facility operations while still adequately satisfying the Clean Air Act requirements. The adopted permit conditions will increase the efficiency of issuing permits.
- Initiated a financial analysis of the air permits program for us by an external stakeholder workgroup to evaluate service improvements and the financial basis to improve or re-direct those services.
- Formed a negotiated regulations committee to draft regulations to implement the commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance law enacted in July 2001.
- Implemented the Alaska Clean Water Actions (ACWA) plan in conjunction with DFG, DNR, and DGC, to build and

foster a unified approach to prioritizing water quality projects. The plan provides a method to identify and prioritize the highest needs in the state for protecting water quality, water quantity, and aquatic habitats. It sets common principles for decision making at the state level.

### **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS 46.03; AS 46.04; AS 46.08; AS 46.13; AS 46.14; 18 AAC 15; 18 AAC 50; 18 AAC 52; 18 AAC 53; 18 AAC 62; 18 AAC 63; 18 AAC 70; 18 AAC 72; Clean Air Act; Clean Water Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

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**Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars in thousands*

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	152.9	156.5	149.7
72000 Travel	25.4	19.3	17.3
73000 Contractual	20.6	48.3	46.3
74000 Supplies	6.4	12.1	10.6
75000 Equipment	10.4	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>215.7</b>	<b>236.2</b>	<b>223.9</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	213.1	216.6	217.5
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	2.6	6.4	6.4
1018 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement	0.0	13.2	0.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>215.7</b>	<b>236.2</b>	<b>223.9</b>

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## Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

Requested changes represent salary adjustments, reductions, or a realignment of resources to promote efficiencies or capture savings and have no impact on the level of services provided.

## Summary of Component Budget Changes

## From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2003 Authorized</b>	<b>216.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>236.2</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
- \$75 per Month Health Insurance Increase for Non-covered Staff	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.9
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>				
- Completion of liaison work with the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council	0.0	0.0	-13.2	-13.2
<b>FY2004 Governor</b>	<b>217.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>223.9</b>

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**Personal Services Information**

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	118,903
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	35,335
			<i>Less 2.96% Vacancy Factor</i>	(4,565)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>149,673</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Division Director	1	0	0	0	1
Secretary	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>