

PROGRAM 5 – Alaska Clean Water Actions

DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Conservation

I. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Alaska Clean Water Actions (ACWA) Program, under the Federal Clean Water Act, is to assist States in implementing approved Section 319 nonpoint source management programs. Activity included supports a wide variety of activities such as technical assistance, financial assistance, education, training, technology transfer, demonstration projects and monitoring to assess the success of specific nonpoint source implementation projects. State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) submits their proposed funding plans to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval.

II. PROGRAM PROCEDURES

The funding for this program includes Federal Assistance Listing Numbers (ALN) 66.460 Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants. The required match is either provided by the sub-awardee or by State General Funds. Only the State Match Portion is considered State Financial Assistance and is subject to State Single Audit.

Each year entities must submit a grant application to DEC. A team of evaluators reviews the applications and determines the amount of each subaward.

After application review and determination, a grant offer is made to the sub-awardee. Division of Water makes payments based upon the payment schedule established for each ACWA grant. This payment schedule is included within the grant agreement. The assigned DEC Project Manager provides technical assistance and oversees the project. After the project is complete, receipt of deliverables is confirmed, a final reconciliation of all reported match and expenses is performed, and the grant is closed.

III. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS AND SUGGESTED AUDIT PROCEDURES

This is a Federal Program where State funds are being used as Federal match. Auditors should follow the same procedures as if this were a Federal Single Audit for the State Match portion of expenditures.