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Thank you, Andrew. I appreciate the considerable thinking and effort that ADEC has invested in exploring approaches to a Tier 3 water nomination/designation process. As you have seen, there are various perspectives on what an appropriate process might include. That said, we believe the draft policy and procedure you forwarded meet the fundamental objective of providing a pathway for a Tier 3 nomination to be considered. We believe having this Tier 3 nomination process established and available, in conjunction with Alaska's antidegradation implementation methods that we reviewed and acted upon earlier this year, will satisfy Clean Water Act requirements for antidegradation implementation.

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Good morning Dan – Attached is a draft policy and procedure for discussion tomorrow at our meeting. Our website currently addresses this topic, but it was also part of our interim implementation methods. We would like to formalize this and then have EPA's concurrence that our approved implementation methods plus the attached policy meet our CWA requirements for antidegradation implementation. Once signed, the website language would be updated and the attached policy added.

<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/standards/antidegradation/> (see the "Developing a Tier 3 Process" tab)

Thanks, Andrew

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