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	Chapter:	Physical Plant			
Subject:	Environmental Standards				

I. Authority

In accordance with 22 AAC 05.155, the Department will maintain a manual comprised of policies and procedures established by the Commissioner to interpret and implement relevant sections of the Alaska Statutes and 22 AAC.

II. References

Alaska Statutes
33.30.031
33.30.011

III. Purpose

To establish basic environmental standards in its correctional facilities.

IV. Application

All Staff.

V. Policy

The Department shall provide staff and prisoners with a comfortable environment for work and living. The following general standards are the minimum requirements.

A. Lighting

The Department shall strive to maintain lighting in each facility that meets industry standards.

B. Noise Levels

Facility staff shall strive to maintain noise levels that do not exceed 70 decibels during waking hours and 45 decibels during sleeping hours.

C. Air Circulation/Temperatures

Facility staff shall strive to maintain ventilation and temperatures in each facility indoor living and work areas appropriate to summer and winter comfort zones. When feasible, temperatures shall be maintained between 65 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

VI. Procedures

A. Responsibility

All superintendents shall ensure that lighting, heat, and ventilation requirements within their respective institutions comply with policy as stated in Section V.

B. Records

Records of annual inspections, licenses, permits and letters or certificates of compliance with applicable codes shall be maintained onsite, or in a location designated by the Division Director.

VII. Implementation

This Policy and Procedure is effective 14 days following the date signed by the Commissioner. Each manager shall conform to local policy and procedure to the direction provided in this document; any deviation must be approved in writing by the commissioner.



11/28/2012

Date

Joseph D. Schmidt, Commissioner
Department of Corrections
