

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY, AIR PERMITS PROGRAM**
Anchorage Air Compliance Supervisor
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

**OPEN-BURNING APPROVAL RENEWAL
CONTROLLED BURNING FOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

*Prescribed burning, intentionally setting fires to burn off ground and forest cover, is usually, but not always, done by land management agencies. Prescribed burning requires written ADEC approval before starting the burn if the intent is to burn, or clear and burn 40 acres or more during a year. **Renewals are only applicable for prescribed burns approvals issued on or after July 1, 2005.***

When conducting prescribed burning, Land Management Agencies shall follow the Enhanced Smoke Management Plan (ESMP). The ESMP is an agreement and program plan developed and agreed upon by the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group. The purposes of the ESMP is to mitigate the nuisance, health and safety hazards to transportation, such as, roadway and airport visibility impairment, smoke sensitive features (such as hospitals, schools, and clinics) posed by smoke intrusions into populated areas; to prevent deterioration of air quality and Alaskan Ambient Air Quality Standard violations; and to reduce visibility impacts in mandatory Class I Federal Areas in accordance with Regional Haze Rules.

Regardless of any ADEC approval, open burning is prohibited in an area if ADEC declares an air quality advisory under 18 AAC 50.245 or 18 AAC 50.246, stating that burning is not permitted in that area for that day. Open burning is prohibited between November 1 and March 31 in a wood smoke control area identified in 18 AAC 50.025(b) (the Mendenhall Valley area of Juneau) and in each PM-2.5 nonattainment area identified in 18 AAC 50.015(b)(3) (the Fairbanks and North Pole urban area). In a PM-2.5 nonattainment area, a local air quality open burn permit program may replace the seasonal open burning prohibition in this section if the program is part of a local air quality plan included in the State Air Quality Control Plan, adopted by reference in 18 AAC 50.030, and does not cause or contribute to violations of the PM-2.5 ambient air quality standards set out in 18 AAC 50.010.

Note: Please type or cut/paste your responses into the appropriate cells; the cells will expand as required.

Person(s) Responsible:

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| Project Contact: | | Phone Number: | |
| Original Approval Number: | | Original Date Issued: | |

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| | Yes – Contact information is the same (if yes, go to Emergency contact information) | | No – Update contact information below |
| Landowner: | | Fire Manager: | Applicant: |
| Mailing Address: | | Mailing Address: | Mailing Address: |
| Phone Number: | | Phone Number: | Phone Number: |

Emergency contact number(s) in case of smoke intrusion:

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| | Yes – Contact information is the same (if yes, go to item 1) | | No – Update Contact information below |
| Name: | | Name: | Name: |

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| Title / Agency | | Title / Agency: | | Title / Agency: | |
| Primary contact Phone #: | | Primary contact Phone #: | | Primary contact Phone #: | |
| Cell or other contact #: | | Cell or other contact #: | | Cell or other contact #: | |

1. LOCATION AND DATES OF PROPOSED BURN

Check the box to indicate the location and size of the burn has not changed from original application. Specify duration, and inclusive dates considered for the burn:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | No increase to original planned burning size. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No location changes to original planned burn. |
| Anticipated Burn Date(s): | Anticipated Duration of Each Event: |
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2. SENSITIVE FEATURES

Indicate if any new sensitive features have been established since the original approval date. If none, move onto Certification.

_____ Yes _____ No

Sensitive Features include population centers such as communities, cities, towns, hospitals, health clinics, nursing homes, schools (in session), campgrounds, numbered Alaska highways and roads, airports, Prevention of Significant Deterioration Class I Areas, where smoke and air pollutants can adversely affect public health, safety, and welfare.

Include a map of the proposed burn area.

- a. Indicate multiple burn sites (if any) within the proposed burn area;
- b. List sensitive features as described below that may be adversely affected by low level smoke and distance of those areas from proposed burn area(s); and
- c. List sensitive features that may be adversely affected long range transport of smoke and distance of those areas from proposed burn area(s).

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| How many maps are attached? | |
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Certification: (If signing as an Authorized Agent, please submit a copy of your authority to do so.)

Based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, I certify that the statements and information in and attached to this document are true, accurate, and complete.

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| Landowner Signature | Date | Fire Manager Signature | Date | Applicant Signature | Date |
| Printed Name of Landowner | | Printed Name of Fire Manager | | Printed Name of Applicant | |

As of September 7, 2022, the fee for review of and routine compliance services for a request for Open Burning Approval is \$387. With each burn application please submit a \$387 administrative fee payable to the State of Alaska, DEC. If the ADEC determines that a smoke incursion is likely as per 18 AAC 50.400(g), any additional costs will be billed on an hourly basis in accordance with 18 AAC 50.400(h). The applicant will be notified that the ADEC will charge an hourly administrative fee and direct costs for approval processing and administration. The ADEC will prepare and send a monthly invoice itemizing fees and direct costs to the applicant.

Send each open burn application and check to:

ADEC Air Permits Program
Anchorage Air Compliance Supervisor
Open Burn Request
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Your approval may be issued within 30 days. If approved, notification and burn summary requirements will be outlined in your letter of approval.

Additional information and copies of the open burning guidelines may be obtained through our website: <https://dec.alaska.gov/air/air-permit/open-burn-info/>.