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Department of Health and Human Services

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Air Quality Advisory Issued by Health Department

The Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services has issued a health advisory because concentrations of airborne particulate (PM-10) in Anchorage and Eagle River have again reached unhealthy levels.

Exposed sediment and traction material on roads and parking lots easily becomes airborne due to traffic during cold, dry weather. Dusty conditions may continue as long as current weather patterns persist. Dust concentrations are expected to be highest along major roadways, especially during and following peak traffic hours.

The Department of Health and Human Services advises those with heart and lung ailments, including asthma, bronchitis and emphysema, to avoid dusty areas near major traffic thoroughfares. Those with severe lung disease are advised to remain indoors.

The National Weather Service is forecasting cold, dry conditions for at least the next 24-hours.

Air quality updates can be obtained by calling the Municipal Air Quality Hotline at 343-4899. Hourly updates of air quality data in Anchorage, Eagle River and Mat-Su are available on the Alaska Air Monitoring Network. You can find a guide and links to that network on the Anchorage Air Quality Program webpage at www.AnchorageAir.info.

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