

## **MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**

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## AIR QUALITY ADVISORY/PRESS RELEASE

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough is issuing an air quality advisory for Palmer and surrounding areas, valid from 3:00 pm, Thursday, February 5, 2015, until the wind subsides. High wind warnings have been issued by the National Weather Service for northeast winds of 25 to 40 mph with gusts of 60 to 75mph. Due to the strong winds and dry conditions, the air quality in Palmer and surrounding areas may be unhealthy to hazardous.

CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY, AND PERSONS WITH EXISTING HEART OR LUNG DISEASE SHOULD STAY INDOORS AND REDUCE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. THE GENERAL POPULATION SHOULD AVOID VIGOROUS OUTDOOR ACTIVITY.

Please call the 24-hour Air Quality Alert System phone number, 352-3878, for daily information on air quality in the eastern Matanuska Valley. This advisory will expire when the wind subsides, or be updated if conditions change.

If you have any questions, please call the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Planning Division at 861-7833.

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Date