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Subject: Removal of Watershed School monitoring site and development of North Pole Water site.

On March 31st, 2013, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Air Quality office shut down the Watershed Charter School monitoring station at the request of the school's principal. The school expressed their concern after an Air Quality public meeting held by DEC earlier in the year resulted in minor vandalism and graffiti and asked that the site be removed.

Due to the high PM2.5 concentrations being recorded at the North Pole Fire site, and the limited amount of data available in the North Pole area, the monitoring station was moved to the North Pole Water site on October 1st, 2014. This particular site was chosen after careful consideration to population density provided through the 2010 census, local meteorological events, and site access. We intend for this site to represent a "neighborhood scale" monitoring location. Monitoring details for this site can be accessed online at <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/AQNearRealTime.aspx>

