

Commercial Wood Seller Registration Requirement Fairbanks North Star Borough PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area Questions and Answers

Requirement not in effect, expected in Fall 2016

When does this requirement go into effect? Commercial wood sellers are required to be registered with the DEC within 60 days of public notice being given. Public notice will be given via a publication in a newspaper of general circulation, posting in the office of the local air pollution control program (FNSB Air Quality Office), and posting on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

What does the registration process entail? Submit a registration application online (assistance with this can be obtained in person at the 610 University Ave office). Have available for use a moisture content meter that the department has approved. Upon completion of online registration and verification of possession of an approved moisture meter, commercial wood sellers will be issued a unique registration identification number and a batch of uniquely numbered three part carbon copy forms. Registered commercial sellers will then have their registration status switched to “active” and be added the online list of registered commercial wood sellers.

What is required of registered commercial wood sellers? Commercial wood sellers will test, using a commercially available moisture test meter that the department has approved for accuracy, the moisture content of a load of wood at the time of sale or provision to the consumer. If the consumer purchases one or more loads of wood for later delivery or arranges for the later delivery of one or more loads of wood, commercial wood sellers will test the moisture content of each load at the time of delivery using the following procedures:

- (A) Measure moisture content in at least three pieces of wood for each cord purchased
- (B) Randomly select the wood to be tested from differing locations throughout the entire load
- (C) Ensure that each selected piece of wood undergoes a fresh cut and is tested in the center of the fresh cut
- (D) Document the measured moisture content on the moisture content disclosure form provided by DEC
- (E) Obtain the consumers signature on the form, or if consumer is unavailable, mark that on the form
- (F) Provide the consumer with a copy
- (G) Submit to the DEC no later than the 15th of each month the DEC’s copies of each form completed for the previous month
- (H) Retain the sellers copy for a period of two years

How will moisture disclosure take place when it is below freezing? If selling or providing frozen wood, commercial wood sellers will note on the moisture content disclosure form that the wood is frozen and assumed to be wet wood with greater than 20 percent moisture content.



What will be required to market dry wood? Commercial wood sellers that wish to market wood as “dry” will be subject to site inspection by a DEC employee to ensure they possess the ability to produce and/or store wood in the appropriate manner. There are procedures for wood split prior to freezing temperatures and wood slit after freezing temperatures.

(A) Wood split prior to freezing temperatures

- a. The split wood is covered and stacked for ventilation
- b. After splitting covering and stacking, the wood is tested via the testing procedures and is demonstrated to be dry
- c. Upon actual sale, if the temperature is below freezing the sellers will document the previously recorded test results and date on the moisture content disclosure form.

(B) Wood Split after freezing temperatures may be sold/advertised as dry if:

- a. The wood is mechanically dried
- b. The wood is manufactured as pellet logs
- c. The source of the wood is from fire-killed trees and has been inspected by a DEC employee and found to be dry.

What are the consequences for failing to comply with specific provisions once they are registered? Remedial training on the requirements, a Notice of Violation, removal from the list of registered sellers, revocation of registration, enforcement under AS 40.03.020, 46.03.760 or 46.03.790.

What’s the definition of a commercial wood seller? A person who sells any amount of wood for use in space heating. This does not include any person whose business consists wholly of manufactured wood products, wholesale logs or rounds that will be resold to the end user by a commercial wood seller, or bundles sized not more than .75 cubic feet.

If I only sell a small amount of wood does this still apply to me? This requirement applies to any business that sells fire wood to an individual within the FNSB PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area.

Where can I find more information?

Visit http://burnwise.alaska.gov/moisture_disclosure_program.htm for more information.

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