

DUST & POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS.

Dust can cause health problems. People with heart and lung disease and those with chronic breathing problems can be impacted when inhaling dust. Dust is a nuisance, it settles on your tables, your food, and salmon drying racks.



Wind has been blowing dust off glaciers and dry river beds for generations but now we throw dust back into the air with our four-wheelers, cars, and trucks. In recent years the Department of Environmental Conservation has received increased complaints regarding air quality.

The dust has caused an increase in respiratory and other health problems in the villages. Dust aggravates existing heart and lung disease and can damage lung tissue. Those at greatest risk are children, seniors, and people with asthma and other respiratory or heart conditions.



ADEC has equipment designed to measure for dust particles less than 1/10 the diameter of your hair. Using these measurements it can be determined if there is a significant health risk. If you believe your village or community has a dust problem and would like more information contact the DEC.

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Dust may cause health problems in the villages. Dust aggravates existing heart and lung disease and can damage lung tissue.

Children, seniors, and people with asthma and other respiratory or heart conditions are more susceptible to health problems from breathing in dust.

Dust is a nuisance as well. It can settle on the surfaces in your home affecting your food and sensitive belongings, like your computer. Outside it can settle on your fish drying racks.

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ADEC has equipment designed to measure for dust particles less than one-tenth the diameter of your hair. Using these measurements it can be determined if dust levels exceed health standards. If you believe your village or community has a dust problem and would like more information, contact the DEC.

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