

ALASKA TOP TEN HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS

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| #5 | PERCHLOROETHYLENE/ TETRACHLOROETHYLENE |  |
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Inventory Estimates

| Community | Total Emitted (tons per year) | Top Sources |
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| Anchorage | 172 | Dry cleaners |
| Fairbanks | 55 | Dry cleaners |
| Juneau | 20 | Dry cleaners |
| Total of 3 Communities | 247 | |

Perchloroethylene/Tetrachloroethylene Sources

- Dry cleaners
- Typewriter correction fluid
- Shoe polish

Perchloroethylene/Tetrachloroethylene Emission Inventory Improvements

- Measure perchloroethylene/tetrachloroethylene amounts used in each dry cleaning facility rather than estimate emissions based on population data
- Assess other sources of perchloroethylene/tetrachloroethylene (e.g. wastewater facility)

Perchloroethylene/Tetrachloroethylene Health Effects

Low level (< 100 ppm): Possible respiratory irritant. Possible liver and renal dysfunction from long term exposures. Odor threshold between 5 and 50 ppm.

Medium level (100 –200 ppm): Effect on livers. Prolonged exposure leads to beginning of CNS depression and early renal dysfunction. Irritation to eyes and mucous membranes.

High level (> 200 ppm): Intense irritation of lungs and eyes, kidney dysfunction, mood swings, behavioral changes, clumsiness, and numbing of the body, death

Cancer ranking: EPA classified as a possible to probable human carcinogen. However, EPA has not assessed a lifetime risk of cancer.