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**Telephone Survey to Track Home Heating Habits in Fairbanks North Star Borough**

(FAIRBANKS, AK) – The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) will once again be conducting an annual telephone survey to collect information on residential heating practices in the borough area. The survey asks residents about the type of fuel they use, how often, and other questions. Similar surveys were conducted in Fairbanks last winter season and several prior winters as well.

Previous results from this survey have been an important part of determining the overall picture of home heating habits in the borough, monitoring trends and verifying projections for air quality planning. This year's results will be compared with those of past years and used to help assess the viability and impact of programs to improve air quality.

“The participation and feedback from residents is important to tracking the effect of programs being implemented to address air quality impacts from home heating in the Borough,” said Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Luke Hopkins. “I encourage residents to provide their information so local, state and national officials can develop and improve programs that enable residents to affordably heat their homes while keeping local air clean.”

The survey will be conducted by Alaska-based firm, Hayes Research. Residents will be called randomly throughout the area. The survey is confidential and will take about eight minutes to complete. Calls are scheduled to begin February 24<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on air quality in Alaska visit the DEC Air Quality division website at:  
<http://dec.alaska.gov/air>.

For more information on air quality in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, visit their website at:  
<http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/>.

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