

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

Division of Air Quality

WELCOME

Dear Open House Attendee,

Welcome to our open house! The State is hosting these open houses to provide additional information to the public on the air quality problem in the Borough and on the planning process underway to help reduce air pollution. The open houses also provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about DEC's proposed regulations that fit into the development of the overall air quality plan which will bring the area into compliance with air quality health standards.

Addressing air quality concerns will require a Borough, State and public partnership to implement and support programs to reduce air pollution. Many of you have important information and viewpoints on the local air pollution plan and proposed regulations. We also recognize that there is not complete agreement within the community on how to approach and resolve the problem. We welcome your comments on the proposed regulations and the local air quality plan that will be released later in this lengthy public process. While all comments are important, we especially encourage comments with specific ideas to improve the proposed regulations. Comments are due on the regulation proposal by January 23, 2014 and another public comment period will occur after that time for the overall air quality plan.

If you wish to comment on the state regulation proposals at the open house, stop by the "How to Comment" table. Whether you are ready to comment today or want information on how to comment later, staff is available to answer questions on the public comment process, take your written comments, and assist with the electronic comment system. There are several ways you can comment today:

- provide comments electronically at one of our computer stations,
- fill out a comment card, or
- drop off your pre-written comments.

I hope you find tonight's open house informative and useful. Staff is happy to answer your questions directly one-on-one, but if you prefer, please feel free to write your questions on the cards provided. Answers to questions will be posted on the internet or we can send you the answer directly if you put your name and address/email on the question card. Questions/answers and other information on Fairbanks air quality and the regulation proposals are also available on the department website at:

http://dec.alaska.gov/air/anpms/comm/fbks_pm2-5_proposed-regs.htm

Again, thank you for your interest in local air quality and attending our open house. Together we can make a difference in improving air quality.



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