

## **AIR QUALITY ALERT IN EFFECT**

**NORTH POLE – STAGE 1 ALERT:** No burning without a Stage 1 Waiver or a No Other Adequate Source of Heat (NOASH) waiver.

### **No Alert in Fairbanks**

**Issued:** Thursday, March 1, 2018 @ 4:00pm

**Expires:** Friday, March 2, 2018 @ 4:30pm

A Stage 1 restriction may be called once levels are forecast or have reached high Moderate, and a Stage 2 restriction may be called once levels are forecast or have reached Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or worse.

For the most current AQI category and its associated health warning, visit [AQFairbanks.com](http://AQFairbanks.com) or call 907-459-1234.

**Health Warning:** Air Quality in North Pole & Fairbanks is classified as Moderate, Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion.

**Forecast:** The NWS forecast and local conditions in Fairbanks and North Pole are resulting in poor to very poor dispersion. We are forecasting North Pole air quality to remain Moderate with periods of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or worse, with 24hr average PM<sub>2.5</sub> values >25ug/m<sup>3</sup>. Fairbanks air quality is forecast to remain Moderate.

**Note:** Air Quality readings are from monitoring stations in Fairbanks and North Pole, and may not be representative of your neighborhood. If you are sensitive to air pollution, or experience any respiratory problems, please follow the instructions of your physician.

**REMINDER ... ALL OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED** in the Borough's PM<sub>2.5</sub> Nonattainment area from November 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>, including the use of burn barrels. This does not include recreational fires such as bonfires, campfires, or ceremonial fires.

For more information visit [AQFairbanks.com](http://AQFairbanks.com) or call 459-1234.

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**\*What does a Stage 1 Alert mean?**

**MANDATORY** - No fuel source may be added to the combustion chamber or firebox of any solid fuel burning appliance or waste oil burning appliance, unless you have a valid Stage 1 Waiver or a No Other Adequate Source of Heat (NOASH).

Residents should rely instead on their home's cleaner source of heat (such as a gas or fuel oil fired furnace or boiler or electric baseboard heaters) until the Stage 1 alert is cancelled.

This does not apply during a power outage.

Thank You,