

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Division of Air Quality AIR QUALITY ADVISORY Western Interior Alaska #2025-F16 Friday July 11, 2025

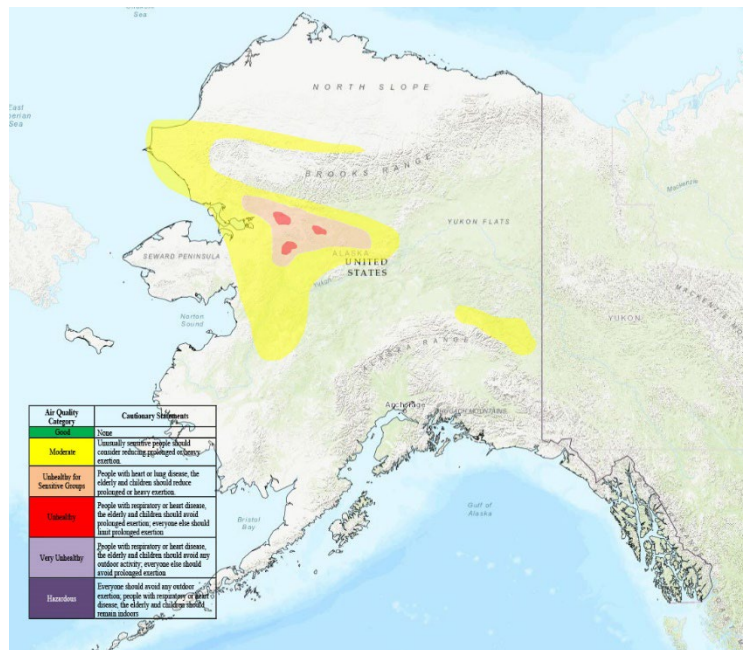
LOCATION(S) IMPACTED: Western Interior Alaska

TIME/DATE OF UPDATE: Friday July 11, 2025, 2:00 PM

VALID TIME: Friday July 11, 2025, 2:00 PM to Sunday July 13, 2025, 2:00 PM, advisory will be issued until end of the event.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: Sunday July 13, 2025, 2:00 PM, if needed

ADVISORY: Wildfires in Western Interior continue to burn south of the Brooks Range. Smoke from these fires is circulating within the northwest region where the fires are located. Air Quality will vary between **GOOD** and **Very Unhealthy** in the region, areas downstream of the fire will be greatly impacted. In the image below, the highlighted areas are the forecasted impacted areas associated with this advisory. See the table below for more guidance on the Air Quality Categories and Cautionary Statements.



Be aware that areas immediately downwind of any fire will experience **HAZARDOUS** levels of smoke. Generally, worse conditions occur overnight and during the early morning hours, as the atmosphere cools and brings smoke to the surface. During the day, surface heating will mix smoke and carry it upwards, temporarily improving air quality.

SMOKE AND PUBLIC IMPACT: This is an area forecast, and as such is a general forecast for portions of Southwestern Interior Alaska. Smoke intensity will vary depending on precise location and local wind flow patterns. Smoke concentrations will be such that they could impact public health at times. It is advised that travelers check local weather as smoke conditions may vary considerably from one locality to the next. The most recent weather observations for the surrounding impacted areas may be found on the Federal Aviation Administration Weather Cams homepage at <https://weathercams.faa.gov/>.

In smoke impacted areas, DEC advises people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly and children should avoid prolonged exertion; everyone else should limit prolonged exertion.

The following table contains the cautionary statements for the Air Quality for Particle Pollution.

| Air Quality Category | Cautionary Statements |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Good | None |
| Moderate | Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion. |
| Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups | People with heart or lung disease, the elderly and children, should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion. |
| Unhealthy | People with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly and children should avoid prolonged exertion; everyone else should limit prolonged exertion |
| Very Unhealthy | People with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly and children should avoid any outdoor activity; everyone else should avoid prolonged exertion |
| Hazardous | Everyone should avoid any outdoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly and children should remain indoors |

When air quality data is unavailable, the following **Air Quality Smoke Reference Guide** may be used to estimate air quality levels and potential health impacts:

| Visibility | Air Quality |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 10+ miles | Good |
| 6 - 9 miles | Moderate |
| 3 - 5 miles | Unhealthy for sensitive groups |
| 1.5 - 2.5 miles | Unhealthy |
| 0.9 - 1.4 miles | Very Unhealthy |
| 0.8 miles or less | Hazardous |

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For information on this advisory, contact Mark Smith with the Division of Air Quality at 907-269-7676.