

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY, AIR PERMITS PROGRAM**

Anchorage Title V Permit Supervisor
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OPEN-BURNING APPROVAL APPLICATION

Controlled Burning for Land Clearing

Open burning of woody debris material by farmers and developers requires written DEC approval if the intent is to clear and burn 40 acres or more per year.

Person(s) Responsible:

Land Owner: _____ Applicant: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____
Physical Address: _____ Physical Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Phone Number: _____
Contact phone number during the burn (mandatory): _____

Burning Summary:

Legal Description of Burn Site: _____
Physical location of Burn Site: _____
Type and Quantity of Material to be Burned: _____
Anticipated Duration of the Burning Event _____ Anticipated Burn Date: _____
Number of Acres to be Cleared: _____ Estimated Number of Piles: _____
Estimated Composition of Piles: _____ Estimated Pile Size: _____
Do berm piles contain less than 5% non-combustibles (such as soil, snow or ice): _____
Are piles longer than 1000 feet without a fire break? _____
Are piles loosely stacked to allow for natural draft? _____
Have the berms been cured for one year prior to ignition? _____
How do you propose to extinguish the berm piles if necessary? _____
Can this be accomplished within two hours? _____

One Time Event: Yes No

Multiple Events: Yes No

Written approval may be issued for extended periods of up to one year as long as the applicant provides a written summary following each burn event. The summary must include efforts made for public notice and weather conditions during the burn, including visibility, wind direction and speed.

Other Disposal Options:

Is land clearing through open burning the only feasible alternative to disposal? Yes No

Identify other options for disposal (such as marketing timber): _____

Enhanced Burning Information:

What will be done to enhance the active fire phase and reduce smoldering? _____

Indicate how you will predict smoke dispersion prior to the burn. Note that if unacceptable smoke dispersion occurs, no fires are to be ignited.

Sensitive Features:

- Attach a map of the burn area; show roads, airports, medical facilities, and schools (in session).
 - Indicate multiple burn sites (if any) within the proposed burn area; and
 - Indicate distance of sensitive features from burn area.

Public Notice:

A successful burn is one in which no complaints are received. One way to reduce complaints is to make sure everyone around you knows when a burn will occur.

How will you notify your neighbors of your anticipated burn? _____

If burning is to occur within a non-urban area, list neighbors within one-mile radius of the burn area. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone: _____

How will you notify persons in charge of sensitive areas indicated on your map? _____

Notifications shall also be made to the FAA, State Troopers, military, fire department, adjacent land managers, etc. who are potentially affected by visibility or adverse smoke impacts prior to ignition.

Did you obtain a permit from or notify the Forestry Division of the Department of Natural Resources of your planned activity? If not, why?

Meteorological / Weather Forecasting:

How will meteorological data be obtained prior to the burn, including visibility, wind direction and speed, precipitation?

How will weather be monitored during the burn? _____

What will you do if wind shifts or weather changes create an adverse impact to the sensitive areas identified on your map?

If any safety hazard is present or if requested by the persons in control of a sensitive area, you must extinguish the fire as quickly as possible. You will be held legally responsible for any accidents or adverse health effects that occur because of your open burn.

Certification:

Based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, I certify that the statements and information in and attached to this document are true, accurate, and complete.

Signature of Applicant & Date

Signature of Landowner & Date

Printed Name of Applicant

Printed Name of Landowner

With each open burn application, submit a \$200 retainer payable to the State of Alaska, DEC. The cost of the approval will be \$200 unless DEC determines that there may be smoke incursion into a public place, into an airport, into a Class I area, into a non-attainment area for CO or PM-10, or into a maintenance area for CO or PM-10. If DEC determines there may be smoke incursion, then DEC will notify the applicant that DEC will charge an hourly administrative fee and direct costs for approval processing and administration. DEC will prepare and send a monthly invoice itemizing fees and direct costs to the applicant.

Send each open burn application and check to:

ADEC Air Permits Program
Anchorage TV Permit Supervisor
Open Burn Request
619 Ship Creek Avenue, Suite 249
Anchorage, AK 99501

Your approval will be issued within 30 days (or sooner). After you receive your approval, remember to notify DEC prior to each day's ignition at : (907) 269 7577 (Anchorage Administrative Clerk), (907) 451-5173 (Fairbanks Administrative Clerk), or (907) 456-5100 (Juneau Administrative Clerk) and to send in your written summary after the burn.

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A copy of the open burning guidelines may be obtained through our website:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/air/ap/docs/obrguide.pdf>