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Subject: Wood-Fired Heating Device Requirement – Remove or Replace Non-Compliant Devices Upon Property Sale, Lease or Conveyance

Dear Real Estate Professional:

On May 19, 2016, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) sent a letter to you entitled “New Requirement to Affect Some Real Estate Transactions in the FNSB Nonattainment Area”. The letter described the requirements to remove or replace any wood-fired heating device that does not meet emission criteria before the property may be sold, leased, or conveyed. These requirements will go into effect for real estate transactions after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) redesignates the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area from Moderate to Serious.

EPA has published their notice in the federal register on December 16, 2016 (81 FR 91088) proposing the redesignation of the FNSB PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area. EPA will take comments on the proposal until January, 17, 2017. After review of submitted comments, EPA will then post another federal register notice identifying the effective date of the redesignation. DEC will send an additional advisory letter to you when the effective date is identified.

If you would like more information, please visit <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/PM2.5-Real-Estate.htm>. This website provides a copy of the May 19, 2016 letter to real estate professionals, links to a map of the affected non-attainment area, a link to the specific regulations, links to lists of acceptable devices that meet emission standards, waiver information and more. DEC maintains lists on this website to assist in determining what devices do not need to be removed or replaced.

If you have any questions about these requirements, you can contact me at (907) 451-5172 or via email at lee.borden@alaska.gov. Alternately, you may contact Cindy Heil at (907) 269-7579 or via email at cindy.heil@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee Borden".

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