



## AIR QUALITY STAKEHOLDERS GROUP



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#### COMMUNITY AIR QUALITY STAKEHOLDERS GROUP STAKEHOLDER SEAT ANNOUNCEMENT

**Fairbanks, AK:** A coalition of community partners is assembling an Air Quality Stakeholders Group to identify, evaluate and recommend community based solutions to bring the area into compliance with federal air quality standards for fine particulates (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). An open call for applications to participate in an Air Quality Stakeholders Group ran from May 9 through May 16. Applications received were reviewed to ensure applicants met applicable criteria for the specific seat they were seeking, and then passed to the selection committee for consideration on May 18. The selection committee consisted of Jim Dodson (FEDC), FNSB Mayor Kassel, Fairbanks Mayor Matherly and North Pole Mayor Ward.

Based on comments received the selection committee added five additional seats bringing the total seats to 38. The selection committee made determinations for 29 seats. The application period for the following seats has been extended until Tuesday May 29 at noon:

- a pellet wood user community member
- North Pole community representative
- cord wood solid fuel supplier
- financial industry representative
- real estate industry representative
- retail industry representative
- Fort Wainwright representative
- Eielson Air Force Base representative
- Interior Gas Utility representative

Applications can be picked up at the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Mayor's Office, the FNSB Air Quality office, or at Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC). Applications may also be found online at [AQFairbanks.com](http://AQFairbanks.com). Completed applications can be submitted via email to [airquality@investfairbanks.com](mailto:airquality@investfairbanks.com) or in person at the FNSB Mayor's Office, FNSB Air Quality office, or at FEDC. Applications will be screened to ensure they meet minimum criteria for the seats identified, then sent to the selection committee for consideration. Candidates will be selected on or before June 1 by the selection committee.

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#### Attached:

- AQ Stakeholders Group Selection Results
- AQ Stakeholders Group Application