



AIR QUALITY STAKEHOLDERS GROUP



Stakeholder Selection Process

BACKGROUND

The Clean Air Act established the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) to provide protections to human health and public welfare from air pollution. The Fairbanks area has not met the fine particulate (PM_{2.5}) standard since 2006 and has recorded the highest PM_{2.5} pollution in the country with concentrations up to three times the health based standards. In 2017, the area was designated as a Serious Nonattainment Area. As a result, the community is facing progressively more stringent pollution controls to clean the air in and around Fairbanks, which comes at a significant economic burden to the community.

DETERMINATION OF STAKEHOLDER SEATS

Potential control measures affect a wide range of citizens and entities, such as restricting the use of residential wood heating and requiring utility companies to invest millions of dollars in add-on control technologies. The attached list identifies 33 voting Stakeholder seats to represent a cross section of the community.

FNSB, DEC, and EPA employees directly involved with any aspect of the air quality program are precluded from participating in a voting capacity, as are elected officials and members of the Air Pollution Control Commission. Instead, these individuals will participate as non-voting members to provide technical expertise, administrative support, and actively participate in discussions. Members of the media will not actively participate in group discussions, but will observe and disseminate information to a wider audience.

If any voices from the community are missing from the list and should be considered, or you have comments on the makeup of the group as presented, please contact Hannah Cooper at (907) 452-2185 or email AirQuality@InvestFairbanks.com.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

A public call for applications was formally released on May 9, 2018. Applications will be accepted through 5:00 pm on May 16. Extensions to the application process may be considered on a case by case basis. Applications can be found at the following locations:

- Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC):
 - 330 Wendell Ave. Ste E, Fairbanks, AK 99701
 - Online at InvestFairbanks.com
- Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Mayor's office
 - 907 Terminal St. (3rd Floor), Fairbanks, AK 99701
 - Online at fnbs.us
- FNSB Air Quality Office
 - 3175 Peger Rd Fairbanks, AK 99707
 - Online at AQFairbanks.com

Completed applications may be submitted to FEDC, FNSB Mayor's office, FNSB Air Quality office, or by e-mail to AirQuality@InvestFairbanks.com.

Military installations, businesses, associations, boards, and non-profit organizations will receive letters requesting their participation. Community representation will rely on submitted applications. Individuals are only allowed to apply for one stakeholder seat. Please choose the seat that best aligns with your interests and concerns.

SELECTION OF STAKEHOLDER

Applications will be screened to ensure they meet the criteria for the stakeholder seat identified, then will be passed to the selection committee for consideration. The selection committee consists of Jim Dodson (FEDC), FNSB Mayor Kassel, Fairbanks Mayor Matherly and North Pole Mayor Ward, and will convene on May 18. Selected stakeholders will be notified on May 21. For stakeholder seats that require authorization to represent an entity, written authorization by the entity is required to fill the seat. In the event that there are no qualified applicants for a stakeholder seat, the seat will be dropped from the process.

SELECTION OF PROXY

A proxy will be identified by the selection committee from the pool of applicants for the seat. The stakeholder will be able to approve or deny the proxy. If denied, another proxy from the applicant pool will be identified by the selection committee for approval of the stakeholder. In the case that no applicants remain, the stakeholder will submit a proxy for the selection committee to confirm.