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Special Statement

The National Weather Service has issued a Dense Smoke Advisory that is in effect until 4 pm today and a Red Flag Warning that is in effect until 10 pm tonight.

For air quality advisories issued by Alaska DEC, see: https://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Advisories

Fire

Yesterday, another 15 new fires were reported across the state. Active fire behavior, additional growth, and smoke production were observed in the fires within the Outlook area. Hot, dry weather will continue today as high pressure remains over the region. With lightning in the forecast and dry conditions, any additional fire starts may contribute to the overall smoky conditions.

Smoke

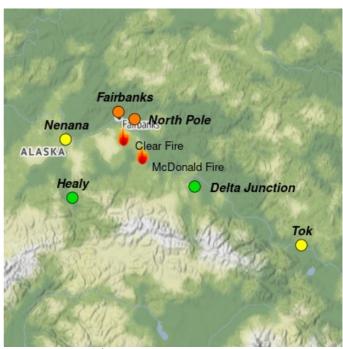
Communities near the Clear and McDonald fires will continue to see smoke impacts today. Smoke from fires in Canada is also moving into the region from the southeast. Shifting wind direction may bring some air quality improvement on Friday for those situated to the north and west of the local fires.

Pay attention to changing conditions. Use periods of better air to get outside and open up windows. Take care to protect yourself from prolonged periods of smoke.

Resources can be found at: https://akfireinfo.com/smokemanagement/

Visibility

Areas experiencing 'Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups' air quality will see visibility in the 3 to 5-mile range. However, in areas of heavier smoke very close to the fires, visibility may be reduced to less than 1 mile.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Thursday

| | Yesterday | Wed | Forecast* | Thu | Fri |
|----------------|----------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|
| Station | hourly | 6/26 | Comment for Today Thu, Jun 27 | 6/27 | 6/28 |
| | 6a noon 6p | | | _ | _ |
| Healy | No hourly data | | GOOD air quality expected | | |
| Fairbanks | | | Smoke continues today with air quality likely improving on Friday | | |
| North Pole | | | Smoke continues today with air quality likely improving on Friday | | |
| Nenana | No hourly data | | Smoke remains in the area today with air quality likely improving tomorrow | | |
| Delta Junction | No hourly data | | Widespread haze | | |
| Tok | No hourly data | | Smoke continues today with air quality likely improving in the afternoon | | |

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| Air | Quality Index (AQI) | Actions to Protect Yourself |
|-----|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Good | None |
| | Moderate | Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion. |
| | USG | People within Sensitive Groups* should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion. |
| | Unhealthy | People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all physical outdoor activity. |
| | Very Unhealthy | Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion. |
| | Hazardous | Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity. |

*Disclaimer: This forecast is based on fine particulates only; ozone is not included. Forecasts may be wrong; use at own risk. Use caution as conditions can change quickly. See your health professional as needed. Smoke sensitive groups should take appropriate precautions.

Additional Links

