

Issued by Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program on June 26, 2024 at 08:42 AM AKDT

Special Statement

The National Weather Service has issued a Dense Smoke Advisory that is in effect until 10 am today.

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

Fire

Yesterday, 15 new fires were reported across the state. With an overall hot and mostly dry weather pattern in place, the fires around the region remain active and continue to produce smoke, as do the fires in the Yukon.

Smoke

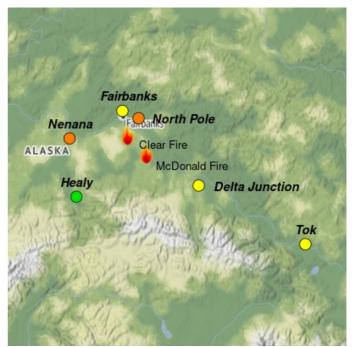
Due to the proximity of the Clear and McDonald fires to the south of Fairbanks area, communities nearby have been seeing significant smoke impacts for the past few days. The winds are forecast to shift to the east today and push smoke west. Nenana will likely see decreasing air quality as the day progresses, while Fairbanks and North Pole should see improvement in the afternoon.

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://www.wildlandfiresmoke.net/smoke-ready

Visibility

Widespread haze will continue but overall visibility should improve today as dense smoke is dispersed. 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. Today west of the fires may see the most impacts.





	Yesterday	Tue	Forecast*	Wed	Thu
Station	hourly	6/25	Comment for Today Wed, Jun 26	6/26	6/27
	6a noon 6p				
Healy	No hourly data		Overall GOOD air quality		
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Nenana	No hourly data		Increasing smoke throughout the day		
Delta Junction	No hourly data		Widespread haze	\bigcirc	
North Pole			Will likely see air quality improve this afternoon		
Fairbanks			Improving during the day and then smoke increasing overnight	\bigcirc	

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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

Fire & Smoke Map	https://fire.airnow.gov/
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Health Effects of Wildfire Smoke -- https://www.cdc.gov/wildfires/risk-factors/? CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/air/wildfire-smoke/default.htm

