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Department of Health and Human Services



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Municipality Issues Air Quality Advisory

The Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services has issued a health advisory because concentrations of airborne particulates in Eagle River and Anchorage are approaching unhealthful concentrations.

Brisk north winds, low humidity and lack of snow cover are contributing to the dusty conditions. In particular, high winds are picking up dust from the Matanuska River drainage and transporting it southward to Anchorage. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough has also issued an air quality advisory for the Palmer area. Dusty conditions are expected to be highest in Eagle River, Chugiak, Peters Creek and Eklutna due to their proximity to the Matanuska Valley.

The National Weather Service is currently predicting windy conditions at least through Friday night.

The Department of Health and Human Services advises those with heart and lung ailments, like asthma, bronchitis and emphysema to avoid dusty areas near major traffic thoroughfares if possible. Those with severe lung disease are advised to remain indoors.

Air quality updates can be obtained by calling the Municipal Air Quality Hotline at 343-4899.

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