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Telephone Survey to Determine Home Heating Habits in Fairbanks North Star Borough

(FAIRBANKS, AK) – The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) will be conducting a telephone survey to collect information on residential heating practices in the borough area. The survey asks residents about the type of fuel they use, how often, and other questions. Similar surveys were conducted in Fairbanks last winter season and several prior winters as well. Results from those surveys have been an important part of determining the overall picture of home heating habits in the borough. This year's results will be compared with those of previous years and used to prepare a plan to improve air quality in the FNSB.

"The participation and feedback from residents is a vital part of finding solutions that will enable residents to heat their homes while keeping local air clean," said Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Luke Hopkins. "I encourage residents to provide their information so local, state and national officials can develop solutions to the borough's poor air quality issues."

The survey will be conducted by Alaska-based firm, Hays Research. Residents will be called randomly throughout the area. The survey is confidential and will take about eight minutes to complete. Calls are scheduled to begin February 9.

For more information on air quality in Alaska visit the DEC Air Quality division website at: http://dec.alaska.gov/air or the Borough's website at: http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/

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