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APPLICATION EXTENSION RESULTS FOR COMMUNITY AIR QUALITY STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

Fairbanks, AK: A coalition of community partners is assembling an Air Quality Stakeholders Group to identify, evaluate and recommend community based solutions to bring the area into compliance with federal air quality standards for fine particulates (PM_{2.5}).

An extension for nine seats ran from May 22-29. Applications received were reviewed to ensure applicants met applicable criteria for the specific seat they were seeking, and then passed to the selection committee for consideration June 1. The selection committee consisted of Jim Dodson (FEDC), FNSB Mayor Kassel, Fairbanks Mayor Matherly and North Pole Mayor Ward.

Based on comments received the selection committee added five additional seats bringing the total seats to 38. After the application extension, community members had applied for all but two seats: a community solid fuel heating pellet user and a financial industry representative, bringing the total number of voting seats to 36. The Final AQ Stakeholders Group Selection Results document includes the names of individuals selected at the conclusion of the application extension.

The group's first meeting is June 5th from 8-5pm at the UAF ELIF building's BP Design Theater. These meetings are open to the public, however a time for public testimony will not be offered. For more information, please contact Hannah Cooper at airquality@investfairbanks.com.

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Attached:

Final AQ Stakeholders Group Selection Results