



# AIR QUALITY STAKEHOLDERS GROUP



## Public Comments

**Comment:** All day meetings during the work week are challenging for members of the community to commit to. Please consider more frequent but shorter meetings or include some meetings on the weekend.

**Response:** Unfortunately, meeting space and support may not be available on weekends. Participation in this group requires a large time commitment; therefore, videoconferencing will be available to help accommodate attendance. Additionally, a proxy is allowed to help meet attendance requirements.

**Comment:** Stipends should be provided to the members of the public to encourage their participation.

**Response:** Due to the time constraints and financial commitments, stipends are not currently being offered; however, if there was an entity willing and able to provide scholarships to individuals for their participation, that would be wonderful.

**Comment:** There should be a doctor or physician seat included in the group.

**Response:** Thank you for your comment. A "Health" seat has been added to the "Community Members" list and has been filled. Additionally, the American Lung Association in Alaska has a stakeholder seat.

**Comment:** Refineries should only be one category and fuel distributors should be a separate category with separate seats in each category.

**Response:** Refineries and fuel distributors have a large stake regarding the ULSD (ultra-low sulfur diesel) mandate. Each refiner/distributor has differing capacities to produce and distribute ULSD and need to represent their interests separately. The categories have been modified to include refining and distribution with a total of two seats available.

**Comment:** There should be more seats to represent the wood burning community.

**Response:** Thank you for your comment. Rather than just add more wood burning community member seats, we adjusted the makeup of the group. "Solid fuel heating" seats have been amended to include pellet wood and a new "Solid Fuel Suppliers" category was created to include wood, pellet, and coal suppliers.

**Comment:** Economics have dominated other working groups at the expense of the health issues.

**Response:** The health impacts of fine particulates (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) are not up for debate. Rather, the group's mission is to determine control measures palatable by the community to bring us into attainment, leading to better health.

**Comment:** Applaud designated seats for completeness, but the ratio for the average citizen is underrepresented. There should be representation from each neighborhood.

**Response:** Seats were identified strategically and to provide multiple opportunities for community member engagement, such as regional, low-income, and senior representatives. As such, nearly half the seats of the Stakeholder group are provided for community representation.

**Comment:** Having the Mayors as the selection committee may not be viewed as impartial. Who can be impartial and fair?

**Response:** Due to the divisive political issue, it is challenging to identify an impartial body for this process. Therefore, leaders who were elected by voters along with the president of the hosting organization were identified to serve on the selection committee to provide as fair and balanced of an approach as possible.

**Comment:** Appreciate the organizational effort to include citizens and work towards consensus.

**Response:** Thank you for your comment.