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Department of Environmental Quality monitoring potential wildfire smoke impacts

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is monitoring wildfires occurring in the United States and Canada that are expected to affect air quality in North Dakota beginning July 16.

Based on current forecasts, smoke impacts are expected to be more pronounced in eastern North Dakota.

Environmental Quality closely monitors its statewide air sampling network across the state and encourages residents to stay informed through the [AirNow.gov](https://airnow.gov) website and mobile app for current air quality conditions.

Air quality may change quickly due to shifting wind patterns. Visit [AirNow's AQI Basics page](#) for information on how to interpret the Air Quality Index (AQI) and its impact on your health.

For real-time information on air quality and smoke conditions, visit:

Air Quality Index & Map: www.airnow.gov

Fire and Smoke Map: fire.airnow.gov

North Dakota Air Monitoring: deq.nd.gov/AQ/monitoring

National Weather Forecast for ND: graphical.weather.gov – ND

Wildfire Smoke Forecasts: firesmoke.ca

Questions or concerns related to individual health conditions should be directed to a healthcare provider.

Questions about outdoor events and sports practices should be directed to the local administrators in charge.

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