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Shifting winds expected to bring wildfire smoke into North Dakota Friday

BISMARCK, N.D. – Shifting winds are expected to bring wildfire smoke from Canada and the western United States into North Dakota beginning Friday, potentially affecting air quality across much of the state.

Smoke conditions can vary significantly by location and change quickly as wind patterns shift. The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality encourages residents to monitor local television and radio stations for updates specific to their area and use AirNow to check current air quality conditions.

Environmental Quality continues to monitor its statewide air sampling network. Residents can view current conditions through the AirNow website or mobile app.

Visit AirNow's AQI Basics page for information about the Air Quality Index (AQI), including how to interpret current conditions and understand possible health impacts.

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

Air Quality Index and Map: www.airnow.gov

Fire and Smoke Map: fire.airnow.gov

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

National Weather Service forecasts: graphical.weather.gov

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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