



OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS ISSUED

March 30, 2020 – The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in collaboration with provincial public health partners has issued open burning restrictions for all High Smoke Sensitivity Zones across the province until Wednesday April 15th, 2020. Kitimat is subject to these areas, and is cooperating with these restrictions.

These restrictions apply to all Class A and Class B open burning. All current Class A and B permits are suspended. No new open burn permits will be issued until further notice. Contained residential backyard fires are still permitted at this time.

As cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in BC continue to increase, the BC Centre for Disease Control recommends implementing measures that help to reduce excess air pollution in all populated airsheds across the province as there is strong evidence that exposure to air pollution increases susceptibility to respiratory viral infections by decreasing immune function.

Real-time air quality observations and information regarding the health effects of air pollution can be found at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/air>.