

Facing the Heat: Wildfires Spark Urgent Air Quality Concerns for Employers and Risk Managers

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John Ho was quoted in *Risk & Insurance* discussing the challenges the Canadian wildfires present to employers. "The U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) does not have a federal standard for outdoor air quality," said John. California's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) has a Protection from Wildfire Smoke standard and he noted, "That would be helpful for guidance." "The local Air Quality Index is also a good resource. The National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health also has materials available on its website. That can be helpful guidance, but it's not an official standard," John added.

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