

EPA Tools and Resources Webinar: The Growing Public Health Impact of Wildfire Smoke Emissions

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Specific strategies to reduce smoke exposure

Wildfires are increasing in frequency and severity throughout the US. Smoke and gas emissions from the fires impact local populations and even those remote from the fire. The emerging appreciation for the adverse impact of wildfire emissions on the health of the population particularly those who have underlying lung or heart conditions has underscored the importance of having a robust public health response to these fires.

The webinar will provide general information regarding the trends in wildfires in the U.S., summarize the adverse health effects of wildfire emissions, highlight active research on wildfire's health effects at the US EPA, introduce the *Wildfire Guide for Public Health Officials*, and describe plans to up-date the guide and provide a working draft for use during the 2016 wildfire season.

Download the Wildfire Guide at:

http://oehha.ca.gov/air/risk_assess/wildfire.html

Who should attend?

State environment and health agencies, tribes, local governments, communities and others interested in learning about steps to take to reduce health effects from wildfire smoke emissions.

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