



Every day, Clark Seif Clark professionals are deployed across the nation helping both large and small customers resolve health & safety, industrial hygiene, environmental and indoor air quality issues.

At a moment's notice, Clark Seif Clark can send their experts anywhere they are needed. No matter if it's in response to a hurricane, wildfire, flood, tornado, or other natural disaster, Clark Seif Clark is ready to help and can respond in no time at all.

Homes Not Touched by Recent California Wildfires May Be Impacted by Smoke Particles

Last week, Southern California's wildfire season arrived early with several large blazes across the greater Los Angeles area. Fires in Ventura and Riverside, fueled by strong winds, prompted neighborhood evacuations and even caused the campus of California State University Channel Islands to ask students and faculty to leave the area.

According to many experts, a dry winter has caused the fire season to begin early and has many authorities preparing for a busy fire season. Due to the heroic efforts of many fire fighting professionals, many homes and businesses in the impacted areas were saved from the flames.

Many of the properties that did not suffer from direct contact with the flames may now have issues related to smoke particles that have entered the buildings. Structures near a wildfire often have indoor environmental issues caused by the amount of smoke typically generated in a wildfire. Combustion by-products, including soot, char and ash, can infiltrate nearby properties leaving behind smoke residues.

"Smoke residues can leave behind not only unpleasant odors, but can at times result in more serious concerns," reported Franco Seif, President of Clark Seif Clark (CSC), a leading fire and smoke residue environmental consulting firm. "Visual proof of smoke infiltration is sometimes obvious, but other times the evidence is

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quite subtle. Many people will likely face the consequences of combustion by-product residues from the recent fires infiltrating their homes and businesses. These property owners may be required to test for its presence to prove damages. This can be vital in assisting with the insurance claims process. Testing can also determine the extent of its presence and help to establish a reasonable scope of cleaning. CSC has years of expertise in this area and can help people facing these challenges."

CSC recently sponsored an educational video about indoor environmental concerns after a fire that can be seen at:



After the Fire - Indoor Environmental Concerns

To learn more about fire and smoke residue testing services or other indoor air quality, industrial hygiene, or health and safety issues, please visit www.csceng.com, email csc@csceng.com or call (800) 807-1118.

Clark Seif Clark Asbestos Expert Shares Knowledge with the AICA

Recently, Derrick Dennis was asked to provide an article about asbestos for use by the Arizona Insurance Claims Association. Mr. Denis' past experiences and role as Vice President of Indoor Environmental Quality at Clark Seif Clark (CSC) has provided him with over 19 years of experience dealing with asbestos and other indoor air quality issues.

His article appeared in the March issue of the AICA Bulletin and was entitled, "Expert's Corner-The ABC's of Asbestos." Although some people may not consider asbestos to be the health concern it was 10 or 20 years ago, Mr. Denis reminds readers that asbestos is still with us. "Massive numbers of industry rookies and veterans

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alike are entirely unaware or are horribly misinformed regarding this federally, state and locally regulated material," wrote Mr. Denis. "My involvement with recent responses to hurricane Sandy confirmed this theory. Few are considering asbestos as thousands of Sandy-impacted buildings are torn apart, thereby potentially exposing workers and occupants to this known hazard and extending the liability of building owners and operators," he continued.

Many people don't realize that products containing asbestos can still be found in the United States. The article states, "Still today, over 3,000 different asbestos-containing products are imported and used in the U.S. By all indications no change in asbestos policy is forthcoming for the foreseeable future."

There are a host of medical conditions that can develop years after exposure to asbestos fibers. These include pleural plaque, pleural effusion, asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma.

The full article can be seen at:

http://aicaonline.org/pdf/mar_2013.pdf

An educational video sponsored by CSC about asbestos can be viewed at:



Asbestos Dangers in the Home.wmv

Additional articles authored by CSC's expert staff are scheduled to appear in the July and August issues of *Restoration & Remediation Magazine* (R&R).

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About Clark Seif Clark: CSC was established in 1989 to help clients in both the public and private sectors address environmental issues. CSC is a leading provider of these services with multiple offices along the western seaboard and southwest. The company

believes in science-based protocols and has a strong background in engineering making them the preferred environmental consultants to healthcare facilities, architects, schools, builders, contractors, developers and real estate professionals.