

Moody Landfill Fire

ATSDR's Public Health Recommendations

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The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is a federal public health agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

ATSDR protects communities from harmful health effects related to exposure to natural and human-made hazardous substances. ATSDR responds to environmental health emergencies, investigate emerging environmental health threats, conduct research on the health impacts of hazardous waste sites, and build capabilities of and provide guidance to state and local health agencies.

ATSDR cannot conclude whether breathing smoke from the Moody landfill fire could harm people's health. The information we need to make a decision is not available. We are working with EPA R 4 to gather the needed information.

To reduce exposure to landfill fire smoke:

- If you have respiratory problems such as asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), or emphysema, stay indoors when you see or smell smoke.
- Reduce your outdoor activities, and do them more slowly, when you see or smell smoke.
- Close the doors and windows of your house to keep smoke from getting inside. Run heaters to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature.
- Talk to your health care provider if you have respiratory conditions such as asthma, COPD or emphysema, and you think your condition gets worse when you breathe smoke.