

Stakeholder Update # 1 **August 10, 2018**

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Wildfires and smoky conditions are affecting communities across the Northern Health region. Smoky Skies Bulletins are in effect for many areas. Fires in the Stikine (Dease Lake) region of the Northwest, and the Omineca/Bulkley Valley in the Northern Interior, have prompted evacuation alerts and orders for some residents.

Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs)

Northern Health Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs) have been activated to support any response needed of NH facilities and programs. We are proactively working and sharing information with Emergency Social Services (ESS), the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), and Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC) in communities receiving evacuees, along with messaging about reducing exposure to wildfire smoke.

Preparedness

Northern Health is reviewing internal procedures and response plans in the event NH services are disrupted by wildfire activity. This is also a timely reminder to review personal preparedness plans; the [Emergency Info BC website](#) has some very useful information on [Wildfire Preparedness](#).

Smoky Skies

The [latest Smoky Skies Bulletin](#) from the Ministry of Environment includes health information such as tips for reducing exposure to wildfire smoke. For ongoing updates, Please [refer to \(and share\) this page](#), or follow [@EnvReportBC on Twitter](#).

Updates and information

Wildfire season is expected to continue for several weeks in British Columbia. For more details about active wildfires and any related evacuations or orders, check the following resources:

- [BC Wildfire Service - Fire Information](#)
- [Emergency Info BC – Interactive Map of Evacuation Alerts and Orders](#)

More information:

Information is available at <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/wildfire-information>

We will continue to update you on this situation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Steve Raper at Steve.Raper@northernhealth.ca or 250-640-0904.