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Information About the Temporary Alberta Airshed Wildfire Bulk Reporting Protocol:

The WBEA is now reporting Alberta Ambient Air Quality Guideline and Objective exceedances of PM_{2.5} (AAAQG&O) in accordance with Alberta Environment and Protected Areas' (EPA) Temporary Alberta Airshed Wildfire Bulk Reporting Protocol, which is in effect from April 1 to October 31. More information on the Temporary Bulk Reporting Protocol is available for your information here: https://www.alberta.ca/amd-resources.aspx

The temporary protocol only requires notification of exceedances of the 24-hour AAAQO, on a monthly basis. During this period, the protocol eliminates the requirement to provide immediate notification of exceedances of the AAAG&O for PM_{2.5} and the associated 7-day follow-up report. The WBEA will continue to provide EPA with its air quality data in real-time and in the monthly report.

To be notified of all air quality events in the WBEA network, including PM_{2.5} exceedances during wildfire season, please download our <u>AQE app</u> for Apple iOS or you can view current and past events by visiting our <u>Air Quality Events</u> page. The WBEA will not be providing PM_{2.5} exceedance information via email while the Temporary Bulk Reporting Protocol is in place.

Please note: the Fort Hills and Ells River air monitoring stations are currently exempt from this protocol and exceedances will be immediately reported to the regulator, as per the Air Monitoring Directive and associated operating approvals. The WBEA will notify only these industry members directly.