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Envirotech Execs Help Write National Industry Standard

ANSI Standard Determines if an HVAC System is Impacted by Fire

Stoneham, MA (April 18, 2012) – Two executives from Envirotech Clean Air, Inc., helped write a nationally recognized standard created by the Indoor Environmental Standards Organization (IESO) and the Restoration Industry Association (RIA). Daniel Greenblatt, CMH, president of Envirotech, served as the vice chairman of the standard development committee for the *IESO/RIA 6001-2011 Evaluation of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Interior Surfaces to Determine the Presence of Fire-Related Particulate as a Result of a Fire in a Structure*.

Ron Fallon, CR, CMH, vice president of Envirotech, contributed to the standard's development and assisted with its editing and review. Writing the standard took approximately three years since it was created utilizing the consensus process stipulated by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

"We were very fortunate to have some of the top experts in the industry serving on this committee," said Greenblatt, "and that allowed us to create a document that will provide direction to restoration contractors, building owners and managers, and insurance adjusters when determining whether or not a building's mechanical system has been impacted by a fire."

The standard will be used in the field to help determine if fire-related residues have been deposited on HVAC interior surfaces. The standard does not determine what materials have been burned in the fire or what specific materials may have been deposited on a surface.

"When standards development is done correctly, it takes time and the collective efforts of many," said Fallon. "It was an honor for us to participate in a process that produced a standard which provides the science to substantiate what restoration and remediation contractors will recommend after a fire."

The standard uses char as the primary indicator and soot as the secondary indicator of fire-related particulate. It also requires the quantification of char or soot concentrations to allow comparisons with a control sample, since merely identifying the presence or absence of char is not sufficient.

The new IESO-RIA standard is available for purchase at www.restorationindustry.org or www.iaqa.org.

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