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Fire contaminants risk assessment - Fire investigation consultation

1. Introduction

National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) are seeking feedback on a suite of fire contaminants risk assessment templates, designed to assist fire and rescue services in developing and reviewing local risk assessments.
These risk assessments have been developed by the NFCC Fire Contaminants Working Group, and have been subject to an independent quality assurance process undertaken by a qualified occupational hygienist from Bureau Veritas. This process has provided additional professional scrutiny of the assessments, including the identified hazards, exposure risks and proposed control measures.
The templates identify common hazards associated with exposure to fire contaminants and provide control measures for services to consider. They are intended to provide a consistent national starting point and should be used as a guide rather than adopted as completed local risk assessments.
The risk assessments will ultimately be provided as a suite. However, consultation is being undertaken separately for each assessment, recognising that responsibility for reviewing and completing individual risk assessments may sit with different teams, departments or specialist areas within each fire and rescue service.
This risk assessment addresses the foreseeable hazards associated with fire contaminants encountered during fire investigation activities and sets out controls to minimise direct and secondary exposure. Fire investigators may be exposed through contact with contaminated materials and debris, and through activities that disturb and release contaminants into the air, including sifting, excavating, moving debris and recovering evidence.
You can view the risk assessment here: Fire investigation
If you would like to prepare your response, you can review the questions in advance **HERE**. There is also a save and continue function that can be used throughout the consultation so that you can return to your response later and pick up where you left off.

This survey will close **9am Monday 23rd November 2026**. If you have any questions, please contact **richard.mcmenemy@nfcc.org.uk**

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation.

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2. Your details

1. Please select your Fire and Rescue Service:

- [ ] I am not part of a Fire and Rescue Service
- [ ] Avon
- [ ] Bedfordshire
- [ ] Buckinghamshire
- [ ] Cambridgeshire
- [ ] Cheshire
- [ ] Cleveland
- [ ] Cornwall
- [ ] County Durham and Darlington
- [ ] Cumbria
- [ ] Derbyshire
- [ ] Devon and Somerset
- [ ] Dorset and Wiltshire
- [ ] East Sussex
- [ ] Essex
- [ ] Gloucestershire
- [ ] Greater Manchester
- [ ] Guernsey
- [ ] Hampshire and Isle of Wight
- [ ] Hereford and Worcester
- [ ] Hertfordshire
- [ ] Humberside
- [ ] Isle of Man
- [ ] Isles of Scilly
- [ ] Jersey
- [ ] Kent
- [ ] Lancashire
- [ ] Leicestershire
- [ ] Lincolnshire
- [ ] London Fire Brigade
- [ ] Merseyside

- [ ] Mid and West Wales
- [ ] Norfolk
- [ ] North Wales
- [ ] North Yorkshire
- [ ] Northamptonshire
- [ ] Northern Ireland
- [ ] Northumberland
- [ ] Nottinghamshire
- [ ] Oxfordshire
- [ ] Royal Berkshire
- [ ] Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- [ ] Shropshire
- [ ] South Wales
- [ ] South Yorkshire
- [ ] Staffordshire
- [ ] Suffolk
- [ ] Surrey
- [ ] Tyne and Wear
- [ ] Warwickshire
- [ ] West Midlands
- [ ] West Sussex
- [ ] West Yorkshire

3. Your details

2. Please provide your contact details:

Name	
Service/Organisation	
Role/Job title	
Email address	

4. Your details

3. Please provide your contact details:

Name	
Role/Job title	
Email address	

5. Your details

4. Are you responding on behalf of your organisation or as an individual?

- [ ] On behalf of my organisation
- [ ] As an individual

5. Are you the single point of contact for your service?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Not applicable - I don't work in service

6. Are you happy for us to contact you regarding your response to this consultation?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

7. How did you find out about this consultation?

- [ ] Direct email notification
- [ ] General communications from the NFCC
- [ ] NFCC Committee or working group
- [ ] NFCC Members newsletter
- [ ] Notified through your organisation
- [ ] Service single point of contact (SPOC)
- [ ] Other (please specify):

6. Single Point of Contact

8. Please provide details for the SPoC for your service:

Name:	
Role/Job title:	
Email:	

7. Description of activity/task/environment/role assessed (including Relevant legislation)

These questions are to gain your feedback on the **Description of activity/task/environment/role assessed (including Relevant legislation)** section of the **Fire contaminants risk assessment - Fire investigation** document When providing feedback on this section, please quote the part of the draft document you are commenting on, for clarity.

9. To what extent do you agree with the Description of activity/task/environment/role assessed (including Relevant legislation) section?
Please consider both language and content in your response

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Neither agree nor disagree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Don't know

Do you have any feedback regarding anything that is missing or erroneous in this section?

8. Activity / task / environment

These questions are to gain your feedback on the **Activity / task / environment** table section of the **Fire contaminants risk assessment - Fire investigation** document
When providing feedback on this section, please quote the part of the draft document you are commenting on, for clarity.

10. To what extent do you agree with 1. Attending a live fire investigation scene?
Please consider both language and content in your response

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Neither agree nor disagree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Don't know

Do you have any feedback regarding anything that is missing or erroneous in this section?

11. To what extent do you agree with 2. Attending a fire investigation scene following a fire incident?
Please consider both language and content in your response

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Neither agree nor disagree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Don't know

Do you have any feedback regarding anything that is missing or erroneous in this section?

12. To what extent do you agree with 3. Leaving a fire incident?
Please consider both language and content in your response

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Neither agree nor disagree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Don't know

Do you have any feedback regarding anything that is missing or erroneous in this section?

9. Risk calculator

These questions are to gain your feedback on the **Risk calculator** section of the **Fire contaminants risk assessment - Fire investigation** document
When providing feedback on this section, please quote the specific page numbers from the draft document for clarity.

13. To what extent do you agree with the Risk calculator section?
Please consider both language and content in your response

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Neither agree nor disagree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Don't know

Do you have any feedback regarding anything that is missing or erroneous in this section? Please quote specific page numbers.

10. Final question

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

14. Please use this space to provide any other feedback you have on the Fire contaminants risk assessment - Fire investigation document**.**