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Paul Jacobson Analyzes EPA Exceptional Events Rule for A&WMA

Spencer Fane attorney Paul Jacobson recently authored an article for the October 2024 issue of *EM* Magazine, an Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) publication, focused on a key Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulation.

In his piece, The Future of the Exceptional Events Rule, Paul discussed the present and potential future impact of the EPA's regulations for "air quality monitoring data influenced by exceptional events" such as wildfires, high-wind dust events, chemical spills, volcanic activities, and more. His article covered topics such as wildfire emissions, climate change, environmental justice, and the adequacy of EPA resources.

"The author is not aware of EPA signaling intent to amend the Rule," Paul concluded. "The EPA seems to instead be focusing efforts on addressing many of the above factors via guidance-level documents and initiatives … The Rule seems a subject warranting significant EPA attention."

At the firm, Paul guides businesses through their environmental and workplace safety legal challenges involving the EPA, OSHA, state environmental and workplace safety agencies, and private third parties. In the environmental context, he helps companies understand and comply with federal and state requirements pursuant to the Clean Air Act, RCRA, CERCLA, Clean Water Act, and state corollaries.

Read the full October issue of *EM* here.