

## Air Contamination

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The health effects of atmospheric or air contamination can include respiratory diseases, cardiovascular diseases, decreased lung function, and, in extreme cases, cancer and/or death. Air contamination can be produced by discharges by industries using or manufacturing toxic chemicals.

When chemical companies or other businesses release the above-listed noxious fumes into the air, the hazardous fine particles can drift to residential areas. Thus, even if people don't live right next to a chemical factory or other business that generates toxic airborne chemicals, they may still be exposed and suffer serious injury.

Air contamination can also be caused by groundwater or soil contamination if the particles released by the groundwater or soil contamination are volatile.

Exposure to harmful pollutants in the air can cause serious injury along with difficulty breathing, wheezing, coughing, asthma, and cardiac conditions. The extent of the injury depends on the type of contaminant an individual is exposed to, the degree of exposure, and the individual's overall health status and genetics.

Common health effects caused by exposure to air contaminants include:

- COPD
- Stroke
- Lung Cancer
- Respiratory infections
- Heart disease
- Cystic fibrosis

If you have been exposed to environmental hazards due to contaminated air and have experienced any of the above symptoms or illnesses, you could be eligible to file a claim. Schedule a free consultation or phone a member of the Wilentz team today.

To speak with an attorney about your legal options, please call: 732-493-1000.