Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department

Press Release
Contact Information:
Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department
Carrie Brainard
304-485-7374 ext. 179
Carrie.L.Brainard@wv.gov

IEI Fire
For Immediate Release

Parkersburg, WV, October 26, 2017

Following is information relating to the IEI Fire:

- It is recommended to avoid contact with the smoke and remain indoors if possible with windows and doors closed until the smell is no longer detectable. If the smell is in your area, avoid running air conditioners and heaters that may pull air in from the outside if possible.

- Office of Environmental Health Services states that the Wood County drinking water will not be affected by this incident. Local water systems are from underground wells that also go through a treatment process with filters. Private wells that have been properly installed and maintained should not be affected.

- ORSANCO: Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission is testing the water at the site and in several areas of the river for run off contamination.

- It is advisable to change out filters in air conditioners and heaters before running and then periodically until the smoke is no longer in the area.

- If you are experiencing shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or unusual coughing you should seek medical attention promptly.

- Additional information and updates will be made available on our website at www.movhd.com and on our Facebook page (Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department MOVHD).