



## Southwest Coordinating Group



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### 2004 Wildland Fire Season Memorandum

**Directed to:** All SWA wildland fire agencies

**From:** Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group

**Topic/Issue:** Smoke monitoring via the ICS-209

**Timeframe:** Effective immediately.

The Arizona Air Quality Division and the New Mexico Air Quality Bureau are requesting specific smoke monitoring information on all large wildland fires that occur within the Southwest Area. Thus, in an effort to keep units from completing additional forms, the SWCG is requiring the following specific information about fuels burning to be inserted in Block 44, "REMARKS" section, of the ICS-209 form. The information, required for each day an ICS-209 is submitted, will include:

- A breakdown of the fire by fuel model (i.e., Fire Behavior Fuel Model 1 - 13)
- The total fuel load in tons per acre for each fuel model (i.e. FM-1 = .74, FM-5 = 1.0)
- The intensity at which the fire is burning in each fuel model (i.e. low, moderate, high)

This information is required for all fires which meet the minimum requirement for submission of the ICS-209, whether declared a wildland fire, wildland fire use, or wildland fire in confinement or other appropriate management response strategy. Refer to the 2004 Southwest Area Mobilization Guide, Section 25.1.6, ICS-209 Program for additional information.

By using this method of data collection, the Arizona Air Quality Division and the New Mexico Air Quality Bureau will be able to collect the information directly from the 209 Program located on the Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) website. Units submitting ICS-209's lacking this information will be asked to reconstruct the data within 6 weeks of the final 209 submittal.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**/s/ William C. Waterbury**

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