

## Wildfire Information Bulletin – January 2012

FireSmart for Industry

**The Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) would like to remind you to update your company's Industrial Wildfire Control Plan (IWCP) before the end of February and throughout the wildfire season as required.**

The emergency response information provided in the IWCP will increase the safety of your personnel during emergency wildfire events. In 2011, multiple companies were impacted by wildfires, resulting in many site evacuations and shut-ins.

The second largest contributor to industry-caused wildfires, next to powerline fires, are burning debris such as piles, slash and windrows. From 2010 to 2011, nearly 100 wildfires in Alberta were caused from the improper burning of woody debris.



It is essential that all fires are properly monitored while burning is taking place and ensuring that every pile is fully extinguished. Consult the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producer's (CAPP) Best Management Practices for Wildfire Prevention to learn more about correct debris burning and extinguishment techniques.

All personnel are required to carry fire suppression equipment while as per the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*. For more information visit [firesmart.ca](http://firesmart.ca) and select FireSmart for Industry or contact your local SRD Area office.