

Worker's Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Covered by Workers' Comp



A worker was sorting recyclables at a solid waste facility when he had trouble breathing, felt dizzy and nauseated, and had a mild headache. At the hospital, the doctors diagnosed him with carbon monoxide poisoning. But his claim for workers' comp benefits was denied. The Appeals Tribunal found that while in a closed work environment filled with propane and diesel fumes from various equipment, the worker had experienced a progression of symptoms that three doctors concluded was associated with carbon monoxide poisoning. Noting that the facility didn't engage in gas monitoring until *after* the worker got sick, the Tribunal ruled that he was entitled to benefits as he'd suffered an 'accident' on the job and associated with vehicles used internally at the facility [20147284 (Re), [2014] CanLII 36505 (NB WHSCC), June 19, 2014].