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"Throughout the U.S., there is a "lack of a standard for acceptable indoor air quality," says Amy Bach, executive director of <u>United Policyholders</u>, a nonprofit that promotes insurance rights for homeowners. This has contributed to frequent disputes between wildfire-impacted households on who should pay for chemical testing, alternative living expenses, or additional steps to tear down and rebuild affected portions of a home. Compounding the problem, there is an "incredible amount of disagreement between professionals over remediation and cleaning techniques," she adds."

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