

Risk Strategies

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Another Win For Our Clients

LOSS DESCRIPTION

A fire destroyed our client's older industrial plant and necessitated significant and costly building code upgrades to the facility during repairs.

KEY CHALLENGES

- Since the client was not going to rebuild the facility at the current site, but rather an alternate site, their insurance policy required them to develop an estimate of cost for the upgrades that would have been required at the original site in order to prove their loss and recover these costs.
- The speculative nature of this endeavor made it all the more challenging to develop and recover their code upgrade cost.
- We knew the insurer would likely challenge various aspects of the cost estimates.

CLAIM RESOLUTION HIGHLIGHTS

- We made a thorough analysis of the insurance policy language pertaining to the Code Upgrade coverage to ensure that we left no stone unturned in finding all the potential recoverable costs for the client.
- We investigated the various pertinent building and other codes governing the rebuilding of the facility to identify those that would be required.
- We developed a thorough and detailed estimate of costs for each required code upgrade to the tune of approximately \$400,000.
- Owing to our compelling cost analysis, the insurer only challenged one key code requirement that we included in our analysis; we responded with further analysis to support our position and prevailed.
- Ultimately, our fees to assist the client with the resolution of their property claim from this catastrophic fire were reimbursed by the insurer under their "Professional Fees" coverage!

This example is typical of the many coverage and valuation issues that can come up in a large property claim. Having the ability to match resources with the insurer is critically important to the successful recovery of the client's claim. Please feel free to call us if you have a challenging claim to resolve.

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