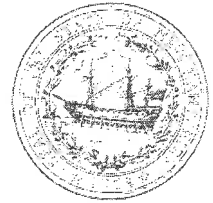




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**ASBESTOS ABATEMENT
INSPECTION AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Asbestos Management Program – NHDES, Air Resources Division

Background:

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral fiber, which due to its high tensile strength and insulating qualities was used in the manufacture of thousands of products. Many of these products were used in the construction of buildings, including insulations, surfacing materials, flooring, siding, and roofing. Asbestos fibers however, are a human carcinogen and their use has been strictly controlled since the 1970's.

The greatest potential for exposure to asbestos fibers occurs when asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) are disturbed during either building renovations or demolition. RSA 141-E and the NH Administrative Rules Env-A 1800, *Asbestos Management and Control* were promulgated to address this potential hazard, and require that owners and contractors take certain steps to identify and address asbestos hazards in structures prior to beginning any work that might disturb asbestos containing materials.

Specifics:

Pre-Demolition/Renovation Inspection. Env-A 1803 requires that a thorough inspection be conducted for the presence of asbestos containing building materials (ACBM), prior to any demolition or renovation, in the affected portions of the structure. The inspection must be conducted by a person who has received specific training and is qualified in the identification of ACBM. A current list of qualified inspectors can be obtained by calling 603-271-1370, or from the NHDES website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/cb/ceps/ams/index.htm>.

Notification of Asbestos Abatement and Demolition Work. Env-A 1804 requires the owner or operator to submit written notification to the NHDES Air Resources Division, and the local health officer, at least ten working days before any demolition activity occurs, regardless of the amount of asbestos present, if any. Env-A 1804 also requires the owner or operator to submit written notification ten working days prior to any asbestos abatement activity conducted as part of a renovation or demolition, if it involves greater than 10 linear feet, or 25 square feet of ACBM. A fee may be required depending on the amount of asbestos being removed. Notification forms can be obtained by calling 603-271-1370, or from the NHDES website Asbestos Demolition/Renovation Notification Form.

Attachments: List of Common Asbestos Containing Materials

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