
ARTICLE 8

Asbestos

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PURPOSE: The Board of Directors of the Benton Clean Air Agency recognizes that airborne asbestos is a serious health hazard. Asbestos fibers released into the air can be inhaled and cause lung cancer, pleural mesothelioma, peritoneal mesothelioma or asbestosis. The Board of Directors has adopted this regulation to control asbestos emissions primarily resulting from asbestos projects, renovation projects, and demolition projects in order to protect the public health.

Section 8.01 Definitions

- A. "AHERA Building Inspector" means a person who has successfully completed the training requirements for a building inspector established by United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Model Accreditation Plan: Interim Final Rule (40 CFR Part 763, Appendix C to Subpart E) and whose certification is current.
- B. "AHERA Project Designer" means a person who has successfully completed the training requirements for an abatement project designer established by EPA Asbestos Model Accreditation Plan: Interim Final Rule (40 CFR Part 763, Appendix C to Subpart E) and whose certification is current.
- C. "Asbestos" means the asbestiform varieties of actinolite, amosite (cummingtonite-grunerite), tremolite, chrysotile (serpentinite), crocidolite (riebeckite), or anthophyllite.
- D. "Asbestos-Containing Material" means any material containing more than one percent (1%) asbestos as determined using the method specified in the EPA publication, Method for the Determination of Asbestos in Building Materials, EPA/600/R-93/116, July 1993 or a more effective method as approved by EPA.
- E. "Asbestos-Containing Waste Material" means any waste that contains or is contaminated with asbestos-containing material. Asbestos-containing waste material includes asbestos-containing material that has been removed from a structure, disturbed, or deteriorated in a way that it is no longer an integral part of the structure or component, asbestos waste from control equipment, materials used to enclose the work area during an asbestos project, asbestos-containing material collected for disposal, asbestos-contaminated waste, debris, containers, bags, protective clothing, or high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters. Asbestos-containing waste material does not include samples of asbestos-containing material taken for testing or enforcement purposes.
- F. "Asbestos Project" means any activity involving the abatement, renovation, demolition, removal, salvage, clean-up or disposal of asbestos-containing material, or any other action or inaction that disturbs or is likely to disturb any asbestos-containing material. It includes the removal and disposal of asbestos-containing material or asbestos-containing waste material. It does not include the application of duct tape, rewettable glass cloth, canvas, cement, paint, or other non-asbestos materials to seal or fill exposed areas where asbestos fibers may be released.

- G. "Asbestos Survey" means a written report resulting from a thorough inspection performed pursuant to Section 8.02 of this Regulation.
- H. "Asphalt Shingles" means asphalt roofing in shingle form, composed of glass felt or felts impregnated and coated on both sides with asphalt, and surfaced on the weather side with mineral granules. Some asphalt shingle styles are commonly referred to as three-tab shingles.
- I. "Competent Person" means a person who is capable of identifying asbestos hazards and selecting the appropriate asbestos control strategy, has the authority to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate the hazards, and has been trained and is currently certified in accordance with the standards established by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, the federal Occupational Safety & Health Administration, or the United States Environmental Protection Agency (whichever agency has jurisdiction).
- J. "Component" means any equipment, pipe, structural member, or other item or material.
- K. "Contiguous" means touching or adjoining.
- L. "Controlled Area" means an area to which only certified asbestos workers, representatives of the Agency, or other persons authorized by the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA), have access.
- M. "Demolition" means wrecking, razing, leveling, dismantling, or intentional burning of a structure, making the structure permanently uninhabitable or unusable in part or whole. It includes any related handling operations. It also includes moving a structure (except a mobile home which remains intact) and wrecking or taking out of any load-supporting structural member.
- N. "Disposal Container" means a carton, bag, drum, box, or crate designed for the purpose of safely transporting and disposing of asbestos-containing waste material.
- O. "Facility" means any institutional, commercial, public, industrial, or residential structure, installation, or building (including any structure, installation, or building containing condominiums or individual dwelling units operated as a residential cooperative, but excluding residential buildings having four or fewer dwelling units); any ship; and any active or inactive waste disposal site. For purposes of this definition, any building, structure, or installation that contains a loft used as a dwelling is not considered a residential structure, installation, or building. Any structure, installation or building that was previously subject to this subpart is not excluded, regardless of its current use or function.
- P. "Homogenous Area" means an area of surfacing material, thermal system insulation material, or a miscellaneous material that is uniform in color or texture. Unless approved otherwise by the Agency, rubble piles, debris piles, ash, soil, and similar materials are not homogeneous areas.
- Q. "Friable Asbestos-Containing Material" means asbestos-containing material that, when dry, can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure or by the forces expected to act upon the material in the course of demolition, renovation, or disposal. Each of these descriptions is separate and distinct, meaning the term includes asbestos-containing material that, when dry, can be:
 - 1. Crumbled by hand pressure or by the forces expected to act upon the material in the course of renovation, demolition, or disposal;
 - 2. Pulverized by hand pressure or by the forces expected to act upon the material in the course of renovation, demolition, or disposal; or
 - 3. Reduced to powder by hand pressure or by the forces expected to act upon the material in the course of renovation, demolition, or disposal.

- R. "Leak-Tight Container" means a dust-tight and liquid tight disposal container, at least 6-mil thick, that encloses asbestos-containing waste material and prevents solids or liquids from escaping or spilling out. Such containers may include sealed plastic bags, metal or fiber drums, and sealed polyethylene plastic.
- S. "Nonfriable Asbestos-Containing Material" means asbestos-containing material that is not friable (e.g., when dry, cannot be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure or by the forces expected to act on the material in the course of demolition, renovation, or disposal).
- T. "Owner-Occupied, Single-Family Residence" means any non-multiple residential unit that is used by one family who owns the property as their domicile (permanent and primary residence) both prior to and after renovation or demolition, and can demonstrate such to the Agency upon request (e.g. utility bills). This term does not include rental properties, multiple unit buildings (e.g. duplexes and condominiums with two or more units) or multiple-family units, nor does this term include any mixed-use building (e.g. a business being operated out of a residence), structure, or installation that contains a residential unit.
- U. "Owner's Agent" means any person who leases, operates, controls, or is responsible for an asbestos project, renovation, demolition, or property subject to Article 8 of this Regulation. It also includes the person(s) submitting a notification pursuant to Section 8.03 of this Regulation and/or performing the asbestos survey.
- V. "Person" means any individual, firm, public or private corporation, association, partnership, political subdivision, municipality, or government agency.
- W. "Renovation" means altering a structure or component in any way, other than demolition, that disturbs a material that was considered a suspect asbestos containing material prior to performing an asbestos survey.
- X. "Residential Unit" means any building with four or fewer dwelling units each containing space for uses such as living, sleeping, preparation of food, and eating that is used, occupied, or intended or designed to be occupied by one family as their domicile. This term includes houses, mobile homes, trailers, houseboats, and houses with a "mother-in-law apartment" or "guest room". This term does not include any facility that contains a residential unit.
- Y. "Structure" means something built or constructed, in part or in whole. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following in part or in whole: houses, garages, commercial buildings, mobile homes, bridges, "smoke" stacks, pole-buildings, canopies, lean-tos, and foundations. This term does not include normally mobile equipment (e.g., cars, recreational vehicles, boats, etc.).
- Z. "Surfacing Material" means material that is sprayed-on, troweled-on, or otherwise applied to surfaces including, but not limited to, acoustical plaster on ceilings, paints, fireproofing material on structural members, or other material on surfaces for decorative purposes.
- AA. "Suspect Asbestos-Containing Material" means material that has historically contained asbestos including, but not limited to, surfacing material, thermal system insulation, roofing material, fire barriers, gaskets, flooring material, and cement siding. Suspect asbestos-containing material must be presumed to be asbestos-containing material unless demonstrated otherwise (e.g. as determined using the method specified in the EPA publication, *Method for the Determination of Asbestos in Building Materials*, EPA/600/R-93/116, July 1993).
- AB. "Thermal System Insulation" means material applied to pipes, fittings, boilers, tanks, ducts, or other structural components to prevent heat loss or gain.
- AC. "Visible Emissions" means any emissions that are visually detectable without the aid of instruments. The term does not include condensed uncombined water vapor.

- AD. "Wallboard System" means joint compound and tape specifically applied to cover nail holes, joints and wall corners. It does not mean "add on materials" such as sprayed on materials, paints, textured ceilings or wall coverings. A wallboard system where joint compound and tape have become an integral system (40 CFR Part 61 FRL4821-7) may be analyzed as a composite sample for determining if it is an asbestos-containing material.
- AE. "Waste Generator" means any owner or owner's agent that generates, produces, or is in part or whole, responsible for an activity that results in asbestos-containing waste material.
- AF. "Workday" means Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding legal holidays observed by the Agency.

Section 8.02 Asbestos Survey Requirements

- A. Except as provided for in Section 8.02.F of this Regulation, it is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any renovation, demolition, or asbestos project unless the property owner or the owner's agent first obtains an asbestos survey, performed by an AHERA building inspector.
- B. Asbestos Survey Procedures.
1. An asbestos survey must consist of a written report resulting from a thorough inspection performed by an AHERA building inspector. The AHERA building inspector must use the procedures in EPA regulations 40 CFR 763.86 or an alternate asbestos survey method pursuant to Section 8.02.F of this Regulation. The inspection, and resulting asbestos survey report, must be performed to determine whether materials, components, or structures to be worked on, renovated, removed, disturbed, impacted, or demolished (including materials on the outside of structures) contain asbestos.
 2. Except as provided for in Section 8.02.F of this Regulation, only an AHERA building inspector may determine, by performing an asbestos survey, that a material is not a suspect asbestos-containing material and that a suspect asbestos-containing material does not contain asbestos.
 3. All loose vermiculite insulation must be sampled and analyzed according to EPA 600 PLM method with milling (EPA/600/R-93/116, July 1993) or CARB 435 (California Air Resources Board Method 435, June 1991) or must be presumed to be a friable asbestos-containing material.
- C. Asbestos Survey Report.

These requirements apply to asbestos surveys, regardless of when they were performed. Except where additional information is required pursuant to EPA regulation 40 CFR 763.85, asbestos surveys must contain, at a minimum, all of the following information:

1. General Information.
 - a. Date that the inspection was performed;
 - b. AHERA Building Inspector signature, certification number, date certification expires, and name and address of entity providing AHERA Building Inspector certification;
 - c. Site address(es) / location(s) where the inspection was performed;
 - d. Description of the structure(s) / area(s) inspected (e.g. use, approximate age and approximate outside dimensions);
 - e. The purpose of the inspection (e.g. pre-demolition asbestos survey, renovation of 2nd floor, removal of acoustical ceiling texturing due to water damage, etc.), if known;
 - f. Detailed description of any limitations of the asbestos survey (e.g., inaccessible areas not inspected, survey limited to renovation area, etc.);

presence of asbestos-containing material prior to renovation of an owner-occupied, single-family residence is adequate. A written report is not required.

2. Demolition of a Structure 120 sq. ft. or less at a residential unit.

For demolition of a structure 120 sq. ft. or less at a residential unit, an asbestos survey is not required. A property owner's assessment for the presence of asbestos-containing material prior to demolition is adequate. A written report is not required.

3. Presuming Suspect Asbestos-Containing Materials are Asbestos-Containing Materials.

It is not required that an AHERA building inspector evaluate (e.g., sample and test) any material presumed to be asbestos-containing material. If material is presumed to be asbestos-containing material, this determination must be posted by the property owner or the owner's agent in a readily accessible and visible area at the work site for all persons at the work site. The determination must include a description, approximate quantity, and location of presumed asbestos-containing material within a structure, on a structure, from a structure, or otherwise associated with the project. The property owner, owner's agent, and the person that determined that material would be presumed to be asbestos-containing material, must retain a complete copy of the written determination for at least 24 months from the date it was made and must provide a copy to the Agency upon request. Except for Section 8.02.A through E of this Regulation, all other requirements remain in effect.

4. Alternate Asbestos Survey.

A written alternate asbestos survey method must be prepared and used on occasions when conventional sampling methods required in EPA regulation 40 CFR 763.86 cannot be exclusively performed (all other asbestos survey requirements in Section 8.02 of this Regulation apply). For example, conventional sampling methods may not be possible on fire damaged buildings or portions thereof (e.g., when materials are not intact or homogeneous areas are not identifiable). Conventional sampling methods shall not be used for rubble or debris piles, and ash or soil unless approved otherwise in writing by the Agency. If conventional sampling methods cannot exclusively be used and material is not presumed to be asbestos-containing material, alternate asbestos survey methodology must be used alone or, when possible, in combination with conventional survey methodology. An alternate asbestos survey methodology typically includes random sampling according to a grid pattern (e.g., random composite bulk samples at incremental 1' depths from 10' x 10' squares of a debris pile), but is not limited to such. An illustration of how the principles of such sampling techniques are applied can be found in the EPA publication, Preparation of Soil Sampling Protocols: Sampling Techniques & Strategies, EPA/600/R-92/128, July 1992.

Section 8.03 Notification Requirements

- A. General Requirements.

Except as provided for in Section 8.03.A.7 of this Regulation, it is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any work on a renovation or demolition unless a complete notification, including the required fee and any additional information requested by the Control Officer or his/her authorized representative, has been submitted to the Agency, in accordance with the notification waiting period requirements in Article 10, Section 10.08 of this Regulation. Unless otherwise approved by the Agency, the notification must be submitted by the property owner or owner's agent via the Agency's website, www.bentoncleanair.org. Notifications will not be accepted if the earliest project start date is greater than 365 days from the date of submittal.

1. When the Notification Waiting Period Begins.

The notification waiting period begins on the workday on which a complete notification is received by the Agency and ends after the notification waiting period in Section 10.08 of this Regulation has passed (e.g., A 10-day notification period means work on an asbestos project or demolition can begin on day 11). A notification is considered complete when all information requested on the notification, including the required fee and any additional information requested by the Control Officer or his/her authorized representative, is received by the Agency. The notification waiting period does not begin for incomplete notifications (e.g. unpaid fees, notifications where the asbestos project start date and/or completion date and/or demolition start date is listed as "To Be Determined", when types and quantities of asbestos are unknown, etc.).

2. Project Duration.

The duration of an asbestos project must be commensurate with the amount of work involved. The duration of the project may take into account applicable scheduling limitations (e.g., asbestos removal that needs to be done in phases, based on scheduling limitations determined by the property owner).

3. Multiple Asbestos Projects or Demolitions.

Notification for multiple structures may be filed by a property owner or owner's agent on one form if all the following criteria are met:

- a. The notification applies only to renovations or demolitions on contiguous real properties having the same owner or real properties with the same owner separated only by a public right-of-way (e.g., alley or roadway).
- b. The work will be performed by the same abatement and/or renovation/demolition contractor.
- c. The notification includes the specific site address for each structure. Where a specific site address isn't available for each structure (e.g., at a large commercial (site with multiple structures), provide a detailed description / location for each structure.
- d. The notification includes the amount and type of asbestos-containing material associated with each structure and indicates which structures will be demolished.

4. Notification Expiration.

Notifications are valid for no more than 365 days from the earliest original notification start date. The Agency may revoke a notification for cause (e.g., providing any false material statement, representation, or certification) and may require that a new notification be submitted with the appropriate non-refundable fee as set forth in Section 10.08 of this Regulation prior to work continuing.

5. Notification Posting.

A copy or printout of the notification and all amendments to the notification must be posted by the property owner or the owner's agent in a readily accessible and visible area at all times for inspection by the Agency and all persons at the asbestos project or demolition site. If it is not practical to post the notification and all amendments to the notification in this manner, the documents must be made readily available for inspection by the Agency and all persons at the demolition site.

6. Notification Retention.

The property owner, owner's agent, and the person that filed the notification, must retain a complete copy of all notification records for at least 24 months from the date the notification was filed with the Agency and provide a copy to the Agency upon request.

7. Notification Exceptions.

- a. Renovation Performed by Owner-Occupant of an Owner-Occupied, Single Family Residence with No Asbestos.

Notification is not required for renovation of an owner-occupied, single family residence when the work is performed by the owner-occupant and asbestos will not be disturbed.

- b. Demolition of Structures at Residential Units With a Projected Roof Area \leq 120 Square Feet.

Notification is not required for demolition of structures at residential units with a projected roof area less than or equal to 120 square feet, unless asbestos-containing material is present. If asbestos-containing material is present, asbestos project notification requirements apply. All other requirements remain in effect except as provided by Article 8 of this Regulation.

- c. Abandoned Asbestos-Containing Material.

The Control Officer may waive part or all of the notification waiting period and project fee, by written authorization, for removal and disposal of abandoned (without the knowledge or consent of the property owner) asbestos-containing materials and for demolition of abandoned structures. All other requirements remain in effect.

- d. Emergencies.

The advance notification period may be waived if an asbestos project or demolition must be conducted immediately due to a sudden, unexpected event that, if not immediately attended to, presents a safety or public health hazard, is necessary to protect equipment from damage, or is necessary to avoid imposing an unreasonable financial burden. This term includes operations necessitated by non-routine failures of equipment.

- e. State of Emergency.

If a state of emergency is declared by an authorized local, state, or federal governmental official due to a storm, flooding, or other disaster, the Control Officer may temporarily waive part or all of the project fee(s) by written authorization. The written authorization must reference the applicable state of emergency, what fee(s) will be waived, to what extent the fee(s) will be waived, and the effective date(s) of the fee(s) waiver.

B. Amendments.

1. Mandatory Amendments.

An amendment must be submitted to the Agency for any of the following changes in notification, must be submitted in accordance with Section 8.03.A of this Regulation and the advance notification requirements in Section 10.08 of this Regulation, and must be accompanied by the appropriate nonrefundable fee established in Section 10.08 of this Regulation:

- a. Project Type.

Changes in the project type (e.g., from asbestos removal only to asbestos removal and demolition).

- b. Job Size.

Increases in the job size category, which increase the fee or when the amount of asbestos affected changes by at least 20 percent. For an amendment where the project type or job size category is associated with a higher fee, a fee equal to the difference

between the fee associated with the most recently submitted notification and the fee associated with the increased project type or job size category must be submitted. When there is an increase in the job size category which increases the fee, the additional quantities of friable asbestos-containing material must be itemized on the amendment form. If the original notification was filed as an emergency and there is an increase in the job size category which increases the notification fee category, the emergency fee applies to the new fee category.

c. Type of Asbestos.

Changes in the type or new types of asbestos-containing material that will be removed. All types and quantities of asbestos-containing material must be itemized on the amendment form.

d. Start Date.

Changes in the asbestos project start date (i.e. asbestos removal start date or earliest demolition start date). This includes placing a project "on hold" (e.g., an asbestos project is temporarily delayed and a new project date has not been determined). If an asbestos project date is placed "on hold", an amendment taking it "off hold" must be filed prior to work on the asbestos project resuming. The new asbestos project date must be provided when the project is taken "off hold".

e. End Date.

Changes in the asbestos project end date greater than two days after the original end date.

Section 8.04 Asbestos Removal Requirements Prior to Renovation or Demolition

A. Removal to Prevent Disturbance.

Except as provided in Section 8.04B of this Regulation, it is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any demolition or renovation that may disturb asbestos-containing material or damage a structure so as to preclude access to asbestos-containing material for future removal, without first removing all asbestos-containing material in accordance with the requirements of this regulation. Asbestos-containing material need not be removed from a component if the component can be removed, stored, or transported for reuse without disturbing or damaging the asbestos.

B. Exceptions.

1. Hazardous Conditions.

Asbestos-containing material need not be removed prior to a demolition or renovation, if the property owner demonstrates to the Control Officer that it is not accessible because of hazardous conditions such as: structures or buildings that are structurally unsound and in danger of imminent collapse, or other conditions that are immediately dangerous to life and health. The property owner must submit the written determination, along with any notification required in Section 8.03, of the hazard by an authorized government official or a licensed structural engineer, and must submit the procedures that will be followed for controlling asbestos emissions during the demolition or renovation and disposal of the asbestos-containing waste material.

2. Leaving Nonfriable Asbestos-Containing Material in Place During Demolition.

Nonfriable asbestos-containing material may be left in place during demolition, if an AHERA Project Designer has evaluated the work area, the type of asbestos-containing materials involved, the projected work practices, and the engineering controls, and demonstrates, via

written report, to the Agency that the asbestos-containing material will remain nonfriable during all demolition activities and subsequent disposal of the debris. The written report must include a description of the work area, the type of asbestos-containing materials involved, the projected work practices, and the engineering controls. No asbestos-containing material shall remain in place if the demolition involves burning or other activities that would result in the potential release of asbestos-containing materials to the ambient air.

Section 8.05 Procedures for Asbestos Projects

A. Training Requirements.

It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any work on an asbestos project unless it is performed by persons trained and certified in accordance with the standards established by the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries, the federal Occupational Safety & Health Administration, or the United States Environmental Protection Agency (whichever agency has jurisdiction) commensurate to the type of work being performed and whose certification is current. This certification requirement does not apply to asbestos projects conducted in an owner-occupied, single-family residence performed by the resident owner of the dwelling.

B. Standard Asbestos Project Work Practices.

Standard asbestos project work practices generally involve manual removal methods used for asbestos-containing material that is intact and readily identifiable. Standard asbestos work practices require removal of asbestos-containing material using all procedures described in Section 8.05.B.1-6 of this Regulation. Except as provided in Sections 8.06, 8.07, and 8.08 of this Regulation, it is unlawful for any person to cause or allow the removal or disturbance of asbestos-containing material unless all the following requirements are met:

1. Controlled Area.

The asbestos project must be conducted and maintained in a controlled area, clearly marked by barriers and asbestos warning signs. Access to the controlled area must be restricted to authorized personnel only, including occasions when asbestos abatement is not actively occurring (e.g., when workers are on break or off-site).

2. Negative Pressure Enclosure.

If a negative pressure enclosure is employed it must be equipped with transparent viewing ports, if feasible, and must be maintained in good working order.

3. Wetting Asbestos-Containing Material Prior to and During Removal.

a. Absorbent asbestos-containing materials, such as surfacing material and thermal system insulation, must be saturated with a liquid wetting agent prior to removal. Wetting must continue until all the material is permeated with the wetting agent. Any unsaturated absorbent asbestos-containing material exposed during removal must be immediately saturated with a liquid wetting agent and kept wet until sealed in leak-tight containers.

b. Nonabsorbent asbestos-containing materials, such as cement asbestos board or vinyl asbestos tile, must be continuously coated with a liquid wetting agent on any exposed surface prior to and during removal. Any dry surfaces of nonabsorbent asbestos-containing material exposed during removal must be immediately coated with a liquid wetting agent and kept wet until sealed in leak-tight containers.

c. Metal components (such as valves, fire doors, and reactor vessels) that have internal asbestos-containing material do not require wetting of the asbestos-containing material if all access points to the asbestos-containing materials are welded shut or the component

has mechanical seals, which cannot be removed by hand, that separate the asbestos-containing material from the environment.

4. Handling.

Except for surfacing material being removed inside a negative pressure enclosure, asbestos-containing material that is being removed, has been removed, or may have fallen off components during an asbestos project must be carefully lowered to the ground or the floor, not dropped, thrown, slid, or otherwise damaged.

5. Asbestos-Containing Waste Material.

- a. All absorbent, asbestos-containing waste material must be kept saturated with a liquid wetting agent until sealed in leak-tight containers. All nonabsorbent, asbestos-containing waste material must be kept coated with a liquid wetting agent until sealed in leak-tight containers.
- b. All asbestos-containing waste material resulting from an asbestos project must be sealed in leak-tight containers as soon as possible after removal, but no later than the end of each work shift.
- c. The exterior of each leak-tight container must be free of all asbestos residue and must be permanently labeled with an asbestos warning sign as specified by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries or the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
- d. Immediately after sealing, each leak-tight container, or the outer packaged container if the waste is aggregated, must be permanently marked with the date the material was collected for disposal, the name of the waste generator, and the address at which the waste was generated. This marking must be made at the site where the waste was generated and must be readable without opening the container.
- e. Leak-tight containers must not be dropped, thrown, slid, or otherwise damaged.

6. Visible Emissions.

No visible emissions may result from an asbestos project.

Section 8.06 Alternate Means of Compliance

A. Alternate Asbestos Project Work Practices for Removing Asbestos-Containing Material Prior to Renovation or Demolition.

Unless otherwise approved by the Agency in writing, alternate means of compliance must be used where standard asbestos project work practices in Section 8.05.B of this Regulation cannot be utilized to remove asbestos-containing material (financial considerations aside) prior to renovation or demolition; when asbestos-containing material has been disturbed or is otherwise no longer intact (e.g., when demolition has already occurred or a similar situation exists, typically leaving a pile / area of debris, rubble, ash, or soil); or when mechanical methods are used for removal. Projects performed under this section must be performed under the alternate asbestos project work practice notification category and must comply with all of the following:

1. Qualifications of Person(s) Preparing an Alternate Work Plan (AWP).

An AHERA Project Designer must evaluate the work area, the type and quantity (known or estimated) of asbestos-containing material, the projected work practices, and the engineering controls and develop an AWP that ensures the planned control methods will be as effective as the work practices in Section 8.05.B of this Regulation.

2. AWP Contents.

The AWP must contain all of the following information:

- a. Reason(s) why standard work practices cannot be utilized;
 - b. Date(s) the work area was evaluated by the person(s) that prepared the AWP;
 - c. Site address(es) / location(s) where the inspection was performed;
 - d. The purpose of the evaluation (e.g., asbestos removal from an electrical structure or component where standard wet methods cannot be utilized, removal and disposal of a debris pile resulting from a fire-damaged structure, etc.);
 - e. If an asbestos survey was performed, incorporate it by reference;
 - f. All procedures that will be followed for controlling asbestos emissions during the asbestos project;
 - g. Procedures that will be followed for the final inspection of the property to ensure that asbestos-containing material has been removed and disposed of in accordance with applicable regulations;
 - h. A statement that the AWP will be as effective as the work practices in Section 8.06.B of this Regulation;
 - i. Signature(s) of the person(s) that prepared the AWP; and
 - j. Certification(s) and/or license number(s), and date(s) that certification(s) and/or license(s) expire(s), for the person(s) that prepared the AWP.
3. Asbestos Survey.

If an asbestos survey is not performed pursuant to Section 8.02 of this Regulation, it must be presumed that the asbestos project involves friable and nonfriable asbestos-containing material.

4. AWP Procedures.

The AWP must identify in detail all procedures that will be followed for controlling asbestos emissions during the asbestos project (e.g., during asbestos removal, when workers are off-site, etc.). All procedures and requirements in the AWP must be followed. Unless alternate procedures are specified in the AWP by an AHERA Project Designer and a Certified Industrial Hygienist or an AHERA Project Designer and a Licensed Professional Engineer, the AWP must include all of the following requirements in Section 8.06.A.4.a through g of this Regulation:

a. Controlled Area.

The asbestos project must be conducted in a controlled area, clearly marked by barriers and asbestos warning signs. Access to the controlled area must be restricted to authorized personnel only. The controlled area must protect persons outside the controlled area from potential exposure to airborne asbestos.

b. Wetting.

All materials and debris must be handled in a wet condition.

- i. Absorbent materials must be saturated with a liquid wetting agent prior to removal. Wetting must continue until all the material is permeated with the wetting agent. Any unsaturated surfaces exposed during removal must be wetted immediately.
- ii. Nonabsorbent materials must be continuously coated with a liquid wetting agent on any exposed surface prior to and during the removal. They must be wetted after removal, as necessary, to assure they are wet when sealed in leak-tight containers. Any dry surfaces exposed during removal must be wetted immediately.

- c. Asbestos-Containing Waste Materials.
 - i. All asbestos-containing waste material and/or asbestos contaminated waste material must be kept wet and must be sealed in leak-tight containers while still wet, as soon as possible after removal but no later than the end of each work shift.
 - ii. The exterior of each leak-tight container must be free of all asbestos residue and must be permanently labeled with an asbestos warning sign as specified by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries or the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
 - iii. Immediately after sealing, each leak-tight container must be permanently marked with the date the material was collected for disposal, the name of the waste generator, and the address at which the waste was generated. This marking must be readable without opening the container.
 - iv. Leak-tight containers must be kept leak-tight.
 - v. The asbestos-containing waste material must be stored in a controlled area until transported to an approved waste disposal site.

- d. Air Monitoring.

Procedures that must be followed for air monitoring at the outside perimeter of the controlled area, both upwind and downwind, to ensure that the asbestos fiber concentrations do not exceed a net difference (between concurrent upwind and downwind monitoring results) of 0.01 fibers per cubic centimeter (f/cc) as determined by the NIOSH Manual of Analytical Methods, Method 7400 (asbestos and other fibers by PCM).

- i. The procedures must require that any air sampling cassette(s) that become(s) overloaded with dust be immediately replaced. Work must stop until an AHERA Project Designer has re-evaluated the engineering controls for dust control, revised the AWP as necessary, and the owner or owner's agent implements all revisions to the AWP.
 - ii. The Agency must immediately be notified by the owner or owner's agent if the airborne fiber concentrations exceed a net difference of 0.01 f/cc and work must stop until an AHERA Project Designer has re-evaluated the engineering controls, revised the AWP as necessary, and the owner or owner's agent implements all revisions to the AWP.
- e. Competent Person.
 - i. A competent person must be present for the duration of the asbestos project (includes demolition) and must observe work activities at the site.
 - ii. The competent person must stop work at the site to ensure that friable asbestos-containing material found in the debris, which can readily be separated, is removed from the main waste stream and is placed and maintained in leak-tight containers for disposal.
 - iii. The competent person must stop work if AWP procedures are not be followed and must ensure that work does not resume until procedures in the AWP are followed.
- f. Separation of Materials.

If the project involves separation of clean(ed) materials from debris piles (e.g., rubble, ash, soil, etc.) that contain or are contaminated with asbestos-containing materials, the

material separation procedures must be included in the AWP. In addition to these procedures, the following requirements apply:

- i. The AWP must identify what materials will be separated from the asbestos-containing material waste stream and must describe the procedures that will be used for separating and cleaning the materials. All materials removed from the asbestos-containing waste material stream must be free of asbestos-containing material.
 - ii. A competent person must ensure that materials being diverted from the asbestos-containing waste material stream are free of asbestos-containing material.
 - g. Visible Emissions.
No visible emissions may result from an asbestos project.
5. Record Keeping
- a. The AWP must be kept at the work site for the duration of the project and made available to the Agency upon request. The property owner or owner's agent and AHERA Project Designer that prepared the AWP must retain a complete copy of the AWP for at least 24 months from the date it was prepared and make it available to the Agency upon request.
 - b. Complete copies of other asbestos-related test plans and reports (e.g., testing soil for asbestos, air monitoring for asbestos, etc.) associated with the project must also be retained by the property owner or owner's agent for at least 24 months from the date it was performed and made available to the Agency upon request. The person(s) preparing and performing such tests must also retain a complete copy of these records for at least 24 months from the date it was prepared and make it available to the Agency upon request.

Section 8.07 Exception for Hazardous Conditions

When the exception for hazardous conditions is being utilized, all of the following apply:

- A. Friable and nonfriable asbestos-containing material need not be removed prior to demolition, if it is not accessible (e.g., asbestos cannot be removed prior to demolition) because of hazardous conditions such as structures or buildings that are structurally unsound, structures or buildings that are in danger of imminent collapse, or other conditions that are immediately dangerous to life and health.
- B. An authorized government official or a licensed structural engineer must determine in writing that a hazard exists, which makes removal of asbestos-containing material dangerous to life or health. The determination must be retained for at least 24 months from the date it was prepared and made available to the Agency by the property owner or owner's agent upon request.
- C. An AHERA Project Designer must evaluate the work area, the type and quantity (known or estimated) of asbestos-containing material, the projected work practices, and the engineering controls and develop an AWP that ensures the planned control methods will be protective of public health. The AWP must contain all of the following information:
 - 1. Date(s) the work area was evaluated by the person(s) that prepared the AWP;
 - 2. Site address(es) / location(s) where the inspection was performed;
 - 3. A copy of the hazardous conditions determination from a government official or licensed structural engineer;
 - 4. If an asbestos survey was performed, include a copy or incorporate it by reference;

5. All procedures that will be followed for controlling asbestos emissions during the asbestos project;
6. A statement that the AWP will be protective of public health;
7. Signature(s) of the person(s) that prepared the AWP; and
8. Certification(s) and/or license number(s), and date(s) that certification(s) and/or license(s) expire(s), for the person(s) that prepared the AWP.

D. AWP Procedures.

The requirements of Section 8.06.A.3-5 of this Regulation and all other applicable requirements, including those specified in the AWP, must be complied with.

Section 8.08 Disposal of Asbestos-Containing Waste Material

A. Disposal Within 10 Days of Removal.

Except as provided in Section 8.08.B of this Regulation, it is unlawful for any person to cause or allow the disposal of asbestos-containing waste material unless it is deposited within 10 calendar days of removal at a waste disposal site authorized to accept such waste.

B. Temporary Storage Site.

A person may establish a temporary storage site for the purpose of collecting and temporarily storing asbestos-containing waste material if it is approved by the Control Officer and all of the following conditions are met:

1. A complete application for Temporary Storage of asbestos containing waste material is submitted to and approved by the Agency.
2. The application must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee as set in the fee schedule.
3. Accumulated asbestos-containing waste material must be kept in a controlled storage area posted with asbestos warning signs and accessible only to authorized persons.
4. All asbestos-containing waste material must be stored in leak-tight containers which are maintained in leak-tight condition.
5. The storage area must be locked except during transfer of asbestos-containing waste material.
6. Storage, transportation, and disposal must not exceed 90 calendar days. An extension may be granted upon written request.
7. Asbestos-Containing Waste Material Temporary Storage Permits approved by the Agency are valid for one calendar year unless a different time frame is specified in the permit.

Section 8.09 Compliance With Other Rules

Other government agencies have adopted rules that may apply to asbestos regulated under these rules including, but not limited to, the U.S Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries. Nothing in the Agency's rules must be construed as excusing any person from complying with any other applicable local, state, or federal requirement.