



**Attention Contractors, Home Owners, Vessels, Mobile/Manufactured Home Owners**

**Asbestos Requirements and Procedures for the  
Renovation and/or Demolition of a Structure**

The Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and discuss **asbestos regulations as they pertain to renovation and demolition of all structures and components thereof, including all buildings, vessels, private residences, carports, barns and mobile/manufactured homes regardless of the year built.**

SWCAA is the local air pollution regulatory agency responsible for compliance assurance and enforcement of federal and local asbestos regulations, **40 CFR 61 Subpart M and SWCAA 476**, regarding structure renovation and demolition within Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania, and Wahkiakum Counties. For more in depth information about SWCAA, please go to our website at [www.swcleanair.org](http://www.swcleanair.org).

**The Basics:**

Asbestos is a regulated, not prohibited, material and can still be found in many products.

As specified in **SWCAA 476**, **all buildings, vessels, structures or components, including private residences, carports, barns and mobile/manufactured homes, occupied or abandoned, must have an asbestos inspection performed prior to renovation or demolition to determine the presence of asbestos containing material (ACM).**

The asbestos inspection must be performed by an Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) certified building inspector. AHERA building inspector certification courses are available to anyone that wishes to certify. A list of EPA approved AHERA training providers is included.

If ACM is found in the structure, and it will be disturbed, it must be properly removed by certified personnel prior to beginning the renovation or demolition. At least 10 working days prior to the start of the project, a completed ***Notice of Intent to Remove or Encapsulate Asbestos*** form must be submitted to SWCAA. A certified asbestos contractor must perform the ACM removal unless the owner-occupant of a single family residence removes the ACM solely by him/herself. See Attachment 1 for fees and notification periods.

Whether ACM is found or not, a copy of the Asbestos Inspection Report and a completed ***Notification of Demolition*** form must be submitted to SWCAA at least 10 working days prior to beginning any demolition. Weekends are not included in the 10 working days.

**Emergencies:**

SWCAA may waive the required ten (10) working day advance notification period if the property owner or occupant demonstrates in writing to the Agency that an asbestos project, maintenance, renovation or demolition activity must be conducted immediately because of any of the following:

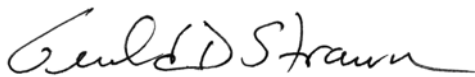
1. There was a sudden, unexpected event that resulted in a public health or safety hazard;
2. or the project must proceed immediately to protect equipment, ensure continuous vital utilities, or minimize property damage (**This would include water damage from a burst pipe**);
3. or the project must proceed to avoid imposing an unreasonable burden.

However, each emergency waiver request shall include a fee as identified in SWCAA 476-050(2). If the emergency asbestos project occurs during non business hours, notification to SWCAA must occur no later than the next business day.

**It should be noted that the SWCAA 476 regulation is more stringent than the federal 40 CFR 61 Subpart M regulation. Also, these SWCAA 476 requirements are in addition to the requirements of other state (WA L&I) and local agencies (building departments). Violation of these requirements may result in civil penalties.**

Visit our web site at [www.swcleanair.org/asbestos](http://www.swcleanair.org/asbestos) for copies of a Notification Schedule, a list of EPA AHERA Training providers, informational brochures, guidance documents, Renovation and Demolition Flow Charts and copies of the *Notification of Intent to Remove or Encapsulate Asbestos* and *Notification of Demolition* forms. If you have questions or need additional copies of the enclosed information please visit our web site at [www.swcleanair.org](http://www.swcleanair.org) or call us at 360-574-3058.

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