

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1 How do I know if I have asbestos in my building?

The only way to be sure whether a material contains asbestos is to have it tested by a qualified laboratory. SLO County APCD requires testing suspect materials if you are planning a renovation or demolition that would disturb the suspect material. A list of current Certified Asbestos Consultants (CAC) is available at SLOCleanAir.org/asbestos.

2 What are the health risks if I have asbestos in my home, building, apartment, or school?

Asbestos that is in good condition and left undisturbed is unlikely to present a health risk. The risks from asbestos occur when it is damaged or disturbed. Asbestos fibers may become airborne and can be inhaled. Managing asbestos in place and maintaining it in good repair is often the best approach.

3 Where can I find someone to remove the asbestos in my business or home?

Our website lists local area contractors licensed to remove asbestos. You can also perform an internet search for "asbestos contractor" relative to the location of your home. Current regulations require that you use an asbestos contractor that is licensed and properly trained to handle asbestos.

4 I am thinking about buying a house but it may have asbestos in it. Should I have it inspected and removed before I buy the house?

Removal of asbestos containing materials (ACM) may not be necessary if it is in good condition and it is confined in a manner where it will be left undisturbed. If you choose to renovate the house, we recommend that you use a CAC and a licensed asbestos contractor to assess and then remove any ACM that may be disturbed.

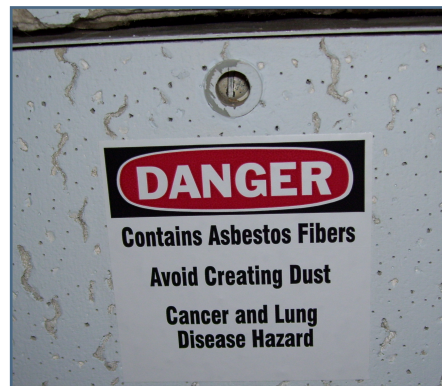
Have questions about the Federal Asbestos National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants?

Want more information?

Want to know if your project is in compliance?

Call the SLO County APCD Engineering and Compliance Division at 805-781-5912.

You can also get copies of notification forms, contractor lists and other asbestos information by visiting the SLO County APCD website.



Federal Asbestos NESHAP Regulation

Guidance for Demolition and Renovation Projects in Accordance with the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants.



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San Luis Obispo County

The San Luis Obispo Air Pollution Control District (SLO County APCD) implements the asbestos National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Regulation (NESHAP). Before you begin your project, this regulation requires that you must first take steps to protect the health of yourself and your community.

STEPS TO TAKE BEFORE DEMOLITION

- 1 IMPORTANT** - Thoroughly inspect the area for Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM). This inspection must be performed by a Certified Asbestos Consultant (CAC) or Site Surveillance Technician (SST).
- 2** Submit the written demo/reno notification form, asbestos inspection report and applicable fees to the SLO County APCD at least ten (10) working days prior to demolition or ACM removal. You can get the form at SLOCleanAir.org.
- 3** Any ACM identified that may be disturbed during demolition must be removed prior to disturbance by a Licensed Asbestos Contractor, and must follow all applicable asbestos regulations, including the requirements listed in the asbestos NESHAP regulation.
- 4** It is strongly recommended that your asbestos inspection be completed during the planning stages of your project to avoid any costly delays and change orders.

DID YOU KNOW?

The NESHAP defines the term demolition as “the wrecking or taking out” of any load-supporting structural member of a facility or the intentional burning of any facility. For example, a roof tear off would not be considered a demolition. However, a roof and truss/support removal is demolition.

IS YOUR PROJECT EXEMPT?

To determine if your project is exempt from the NESHAP Regulation call or email the SLO County APCD.

RENOVATIONS

For renovation projects that do not involve demolition, this regulation requires that a CAC/SST must first inspect the area for Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) if your project could disturb greater than 160 square feet / 260 linear feet of building materials.

If the inspection finds greater than 160 square feet / 260 linear feet of ACM, submit the written demolition/renovation notification form, asbestos report and all applicable fees to the SLO County APCD at least ten (10) working days prior to ACM removal.



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COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

For demolitions, the written notification form, the asbestos inspection report, and applicable fees must be submitted regardless of whether or not asbestos is present.

The SLO County APCD will issue the local planning agency an email certifying compliance with the written requirements of the Asbestos NESHAP once the notification is received and compliance is verified. If the structure is exempt from the asbestos NESHAP the APCD will issue the local agency a letter or email certifying the exemption. The ten working day notification period can be waived if the structure is an ordered demolition in danger of collapse or if an emergency situation is present. **These instances must be pre-approved in writing by the SLO County APCD.**