ASBESTOS COMPLIANCE: AN INTERIOR RENOVATION GUIDE

BACKGROUND
The San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) implements the asbestos National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Regulation (NESHAP). Before you begin your renovation project, this regulation requires that you must first survey the area for Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) if your project could disturb greater than 160 Square Feet/260 Linear Feet of ACM. Basically, a survey is required if your project entails the interior demolition of building materials (such as drywall or flooring) in an area greater than 10’x 16’. **It is strongly recommended that this survey be completed during the planning stages of your project in order to avoid costly delays and change orders.**

AM I SUBJECT?
The NESHAP defines the term renovation as “altering a facility or one or more facility components in any way”. Residences with four or less units are not subject to NESHAP. **Subject facilities** include the following categories:
- Any structure being used as a fire department training burn.
- Any commercial structure
- Any government owned structure
- Any residential structure that is part of “public housing”
- Any structure that was previously subject to the regulation regardless of its current use or function.
- Two or more residential structures as part of a single project

HELP IS ON THE WAY
Asbestos surveys must be performed by a Certified Asbestos Consultant (CAC). If ACM’s are identified within an area of the project that could result in their disturbance, the ACM’s must be removed by a licensed asbestos contractor prior to the commencement of the project. **STOP HERE** and notify the APCD at the phone number below. An Asbestos Notification of Demolition and Renovation form could be required before you begin. For your reference, we have provided a partial listing of CACs and licensed asbestos contractors in this packet.

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION
If a notification form is required, you must submit the form to the APCD at least 10 working days prior to performing any asbestos abatement. This notification shall also include the asbestos survey conducted by a CAC identifying the ACM present.

FOR YOUR HEALTH
The purpose of this regulation is to prevent exposure to a known carcinogen (asbestos). By following these simple steps, you are helping to prevent asbestos exposure to yourself, workers, loved ones, and the general public.

ANY QUESTIONS?
**PLEASE CALL THE APCD COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT SECTION AT: (805) 781-5912**

For copies of notification forms and other asbestos information visit the APCD website at: [www.slocleanair.org](http://www.slocleanair.org)