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Safety News



GOOD SAFETY HABITS

Asbestos Pipe

On site we often come across scraps left by others in the ground. Most often on a city or town job we will run in to old Asbestos Cement Pipe or (ACP) Massachusetts has set very strict regulations for ACP and how it must be handled in the field. If you come across any utility pipe that is cement and appears to have been there for a while you are required to work under the assumption that this is ACP. You will need to take the following action once this determination has been made. Contact your supervisor

Or project Forman at once and tell them what you have found. You then need to take some 6mm plastic and cover the area of pipe that has been excavated and wait for someone trained to deal with the proper disposal of this pipe to arrive. Massachusetts deems any pipe with 1% of asbestos in it to be a reportable amount to the state. Failure to report could result in a \$8,000 fine or criminal charges. Reporting must be done VIA a hotline phone number or online prior to any

Action being taken to move or deal with the pipe. The pipe is the responsibility of the town where you are working and they will be required to pay all removal and disposal cost for this pipe. You as a contractor are only required to take the action listed earlier and then to follow the instruction of your supervisor.



ACP Today

Asbestos pipe is still manufactured today and used in some area of the country! Many industries such as nuclear waste and rail use ACP daily for operations. It is not

illegal in Massachusetts or Rhode Island and you will likely see pipe both new and old in the ground. If the pipe is in use or deemed in service by the town

There is no need to touch the pipe unless you damage it.



BAD SAFETY HABITS

Material storage in job trailer was mixed with unlabeled and unknown chemicals and not stored in proper OSHA approved containers

Several fire extinguishers on machines expired