

Questions and Answers for Asbestos Testing

1. Question: The SOW states that up to 250 samples will be collected and analyzed via method EPA 600 analysis. Any samples determined to be positive for asbestos will be confirmed via TEM ENV004 analysis. As you know the price varies significantly between these two methods of analysis.

We were planning on assuming that 25% of the 250 samples will need to be run for TEM analysis. Is that ok? Or should we assume a different number to be run for TEM analysis?

Answer: Yes, since we have no way of knowing what percent will need the second analysis, please assume 100% of the samples will be required. With that being said, since the TEM ENV-004 analysis usage is unknown, the total estimated (250) units are not guaranteed and will be used on an "as-needed" basis. This is now reflected in the Statement of Work and Price Schedule

2. Question: What is the intent of the sampling?
 - a. Are you characterizing the soil, which would require a composite sample over the entire 500sq ft area?
 - b. Are you identifying a potential problem, which would require a grab sample in one location within the 500sq ft area?
 - i. This would allow us to focus on areas under pipes
 - ii. This would allow us to collect near and/or around visible PACM on the surface

Answer: Sampling to identify a problem. One grab per 500 sq.ft. We will be recommending to sample beneath steam pipe if it falls within the area.

3. Question: Have any of the crawlspaces been previously abated?

Answer: Records indicate that all the crawlspaces had the linear steam pipe wrap abated.

4. Question: Are you considering the crawlspaces a Confined Space Entry?
 - a. If not, are both ingress/egress points accessible and will they be unlocked during sampling?

Answer: All crawlspaces are considered to be either a Confined Space or Permit Required Confined Space and are labelled as such.

5. Question: Do you know the average height of the crawlspaces?

Answer: Majority of crawlspaces are an average height of 3-4 ft. Some are as high as 10 feet.

6. Question: I am a licensed asbestos inspector and will have a CHMM assist me with sampling in the event we win. Will this be acceptable since I will be overseeing his performance?

Answer: As far as we understand the regulations, only an Asbestos Inspector can collect samples.