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Asbestos Removal and Demolition

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	Notification of Abatement, Demolition or Renovation Form <i>(Revised June 2014)</i>
	Instructions for Notification of Abatement, Demolition or Renovation <i>(Revised December 2014)</i>

In West Virginia, the Division of Air Quality is the agency which enforces the federal Asbestos NESHAP rule (40 CFR 61 Subpart M). Since asbestos is recognized as a hazardous substance linked to asbestosis, mesothelioma and lung cancer, EPA promulgated the Asbestos NESHAP rule to control emission of asbestos fibers to the ambient air. This rule has specific requirements which apply to renovation and demolition activities at affected "facilities." As applied to the rule, a facility is any institutional, commercial, public, industrial or residential structure, installation or building (excluding a single purely residential building of four or fewer dwelling units).

The general requirements of the Asbestos NESHAP as applied to the Standard for demolition and renovation operations are:

1. Prior to any demolition or renovation activity a thorough inspection of the facility or affected part must be conducted to identify and quantify any asbestos containing materials (ACM).[def.] 40CFR61
2. For any demolition and for renovations involving reportable amounts of regulated asbestos containing materials (RACM) [def.] a written notice, on appropriate forms (*see table above*), must be postmarked or delivered to the DAQ at least 10 working days (Monday through Friday) prior to demolition or disturbing RACM. Reportable amounts of RACM are at least 260 linear feet of pipes, or 160 square feet on other facility components or 35 cubic feet where the material could not be measured before stripping. There are provisions eliminating the prior notice for certain emergency renovations or demolitions. Contact the DAQ by phone for more information.
3. All RACM must be carefully removed, handled and disposed of. All RACM must be adequately wetted prior to removal and maintained adequately wet until sealed in leak tight containers or wrappings for disposal.
4. After sealing ACM waste in leak tight containers or wrappings, with proper warning labels, the waste must be transported to an approved asbestos disposal site. (OWM link)

NOTE: [Bureau for Public Health, Environmental Health Services](#) (304-558-2981) has related rules which require that persons conducting these building inspections and/or removing or handling ACM be properly trained and licensed. (BPH-EHS Site)

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