

**Cranes and Lifting:** The contractor will submit a lift plan prepared by a competent person to the VA contact person for approval prior to the arrival of the hoist on site. Certification of lifting equipment will be current and available for inspection.

**Ladders and Scaffolding:** Contractors will supply their own ladders. Scaffolding will not be erected without prior approval from the VA contact person. Scaffolding will be erected and dismantled under the supervision of, and inspected by a competent person. Initial and periodic inspections will be documented and available for review.

**Worksite Safety Inspections:** The contractors' employer is responsible to provide a worksite free of recognized hazards. To this end, the general contractor will perform safety inspections of their worksites with the COTR on a daily basis. The VA contact person should be invited to observe these inspections.

**PPE:** Contractor employers will have a written OSHA compliant PPE program where PPE requirements are based on a written hazard assessment. Contractor employees will have been trained on the PPE they are required. Where respirators are required, the employer will have a compliant written respirator program and employees will be trained and fit tested per OSHA requirements.

**Asbestos:** Prior to the commencement of work, the VA contact person will survey construction areas for asbestos containing materials, and notify the contractor of the presence of asbestos in their worksite. Contractors will not disturb any material designate as asbestos or containing asbestos (with the exception of asbestos abatement projects). Contractor will show proof of asbestos awareness training in accordance with OSHA.

**Lead:** Prior to the commencement of work, the VA contact person will survey construction areas for lead containing materials, and notify the contractor of the presence of lead in their worksite. Contractors will not disturb any material designate as lead or containing lead (with the exception of lead abatement projects).

**Hazardous Material Spills:** The Connecticut DEP defines a spill as any quantity of hazardous material outside its container. Report ALL spills to the Safety Hotline at 7389 or VA Police at 4900.

**Waste and Housekeeping:** Construction areas will comply with OSHA housekeeping requirements and swept clean at the end of each work day. Waste and debris will be removed by the contractor and disposed of in accordance with environmental regulations. Contractors will not use VA dumpsters or other trash receptacles for their waste or construction debris.

#### **Green Environmental Management System:**

Contractors will evaluate environmental aspects and impacts from the project and comply with applicable EPA, CT-DEP and VACHS environmental programs:

- Clean Air Act (boilers, generators, ETO, HAP emission, and fuel burning equipment)
- Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act (waste water discharge, storm water protection, sediment & erosion control)
- Underground/ Aboveground Storage Tank
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (solid waste, hazardous waste, universal Waste, used oil recycling)
- Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA, asbestos, lead, PCB, etc.)
- Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA)
- CT State and Local Requirements

**Solid Waste Management:** Contractors will evaluate the solid waste to be generated from the project. Reuse and/or recycle construction debris (e.g. wood, metal, plastic, masonry, used oil) as much as possible. Submit the recycling records to VA Safety Office.

**Hazardous Waste Management:** Contractor will evaluate any hazardous waste to be generated from the project. Comply with VACHS's hazardous waste management plan including universal waste. Recycle fluorescent lamps, bulbs, mercury-containing equipment, batteries, used computer and electronics. Submit the recycling records to VA Safety Office. All hazardous waste generated from your project shall be reviewed by VA Safety Office. Any hazardous waste shipment manifests must be approved and signed by a VA Safety Officer who has a current RCRA & DOT training.

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