

QUESTIONS:

1. Does majority of the area in subbasement requires ducking under pipes or crawling to perform survey and sampling of debris?
2. Is the subbasement a confined space area?
3. Does the VA require that survey and sampling should be performed by a team of 2 workers or a single person can perform the survey?
4. Is there any electricity/lighting in the subbasement?
5. Does the technician performing the survey and sampling in the subbasement require PPE? If yes, please inform as to the level of PPE (Level A, B or C etc.)
6. How soon does the VA anticipate the starting date of this project?
7. The number of days the abatement contractor is anticipating it will take to complete?

Answers:

1. Please see attached file included in the solicitation? Most of the walkways shown are walkable with occasional ducking. Outside of the walkways, it's crawlspace with pipes and conduit.
2. No, we don't consider the subbasement a confined space area.
3. VA recommends 2 people. The crawlspace is an isolated area. It would be in the surveyors best interest utilize a "Buddy System" while working in the area.
4. Yes, there is lighting and electricity in the subbasement.
5. PPE required – The VA has data to support exposures at or below background when walking in sub-basement pathways and elevated areas. However the VA does not have assessments for areas in which employees must crawl. Respiratory protection appropriate for asbestos must be worn in these crawling areas. Other PPE required tyvex, boots (preferable waterproof as there are water/mud puddles) and gloves.

6. 6. ASAP

7. 12 – 20 days