

Asbestos Operations & Maintenance Training Course



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Section 1 Background & Health Effects

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SOME FACTS ABOUT ASBESTOS

- Used in over 3000 commercial products
- Extremely long, thin flexible fibers that can be woven
- High tensile strength
- Resistance to chemical and thermal degradation
- High electrical resistance
- Fire resistant
- Good insulator



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Asbestos minerals

	Chrysotile		Actinolite
	Amosite		Tremolite
	Crocidolite		Anthophyllite

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Asbestos in the U.S.


- Identified in 20 states, mined in 17
- Found in mountainous areas of country
- Most deposits contain <6% asbestos
- Few deposits >50% asbestos



US EPA photo of serpentine rock
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Asbestos in US

- 324 locations - Eastern US
- 36 locations - Central US
- 48 locations in the Rocky Mountain States (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and Wyoming)
- More expected in remaining Western US, still investigating



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Worldwide Asbestos

- World production of asbestos was estimated to be 2. 2 Mt in 2007
- Russia is leading producer
- 95% of asbestos from Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Canada, Brazil, and Zimbabwe



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Uses of asbestos

- **USEPA Sample List of Suspect Asbestos - Containing Materials** P.6
- **Commercial & School Buildings** P.7



- **Residential Buildings** P.7

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Asbestos Bans

NESHAP Bans

- Spray-applied fireproofing - 1973
- Preformed block pipe, boiler, tank, duct insulation - 1975
- Spray-applied decorative uses - 1978
- Other decorative uses - 1990

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Asbestos Bans

EPA Ban and Phase Out Rule 1989-91

- Corrugated paper
- Roll board
- Commercial paper
- Specialty paper
- Flooring felt
- New uses of asbestos

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Asbestos Bans

Examples of Products Not Banned

- | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asbestos cement (transite) • Asphalt roofing products • Ceiling Tile • Resilient flooring (tile & sheeting) • Mastics • Millboard • Wallboard & joint compound | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friction products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disc brakes & brake drums • transmission parts & clutch facings • Clothing & cloth products • Caulking & glazings • Light concrete • All other uses not mentioned in bans |
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Enforcing the Bans

EPA does not track asbestos products

- manufacture,
- processing or
- distribution in commerce



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Asbestos Content Information:

- Material Safety Data Sheets.
- Construction specifications
- Written verification in new construction or renovation (cut sheets).
- **Laboratory testing.**



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Active U.S. Ban Legislation

Senate passed Ban Asbestos in America Act

- Bans nearly all asbestos uses
- Exempts naturally occurring fill material
- Other exemptions include DOD, NASA, & chlorine process

Similar bill in House committee



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Asbestos Containing Materials

USEPA & OSHA

- More than 1% asbestos



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Friable vs. Non-Friable

Can the material be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure?



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Intact vs. Non-Intact




Crumbled, pulverized, or otherwise deteriorated so that the asbestos is no longer bound in the material's matrix (OSHA)



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Categories of ACM

- Surfacing ACM 
- Thermal System Insulation ACM (TSI) 
- Miscellaneous ACM 

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Categories of ACM

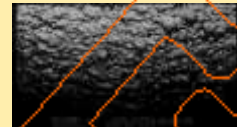
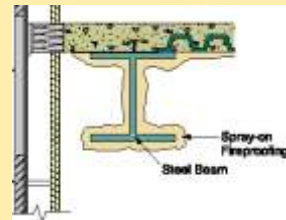
- Surfacing – "...material that is sprayed-on, troweled-on, or otherwise applied to surfaces such as acoustical plaster on ceilings and fireproofing on structural members..."

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Categories of ACM

- Surfacing



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Categories of ACM

- TSI – "...material applied to pipes, fittings, boilers, breeching, tanks, ducts, or other components to prevent heat loss or gain, or water condensation..."

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Categories of ACM

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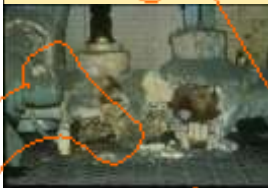
Pipe Insulation & Fittings

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Valve Insulation



Duct Insulation

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Categories of ACM

- Miscellaneous – "...material on structural components, structural members or fixtures, such as floor tile or ceiling tile, and does not include surfacing of TSI."


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Categories of ACM

Miscellaneous

Roofing

Siding



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Miscellaneous



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Categories of ACM

Miscellaneous

Flooring



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Miscellaneous

Drywall & Joint Compound



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Ceiling Tile




Miscellaneous

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Hard Plaster



Miscellaneous


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Miscellaneous

- ← Electrical Cable Insulation
- ← Electrical Components
- Vermiculite



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Categories of ACM



Miscellaneous

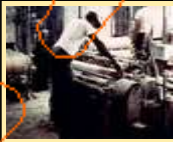
Light Fixture Paper

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Health Effects of Asbestos

- Primary route of exposure is inhalation
- Secondary route is ingestion
- Latency Period of 10-40 years
- 10,000 deaths/ year

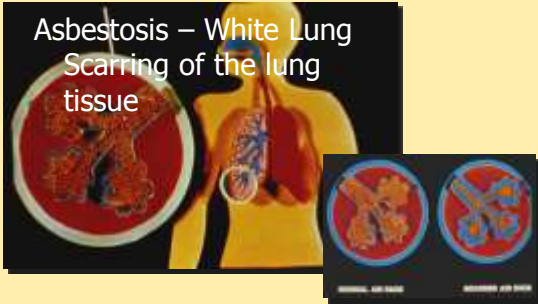
• Mining	• Insulating
• Milling	• Ship building
• Manufacturing	• Construction



Worker handling amosite asbestos at a pipe insulation manufacturing plant in Tyler, TX in the early 1970's. CDC Photo

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Asbestos Diseases



Asbestosis – White Lung Scarring of the lung tissue

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Asbestos Diseases

Asbestosis – White Lung

- 1,500 deaths/ year
- 20,000 hospital visits
- 10-20 yr latency period
- Shortness of breath common symptom
- Dose-response relationship

Amount of Exposure

Time of Exposure

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Asbestos Diseases

Lung Cancer

- 4,000 deaths/ year
- Dose-response relationship
- 20 yr latency period

Healthy Lung

Lung Cancer

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Asbestos Diseases

Lung Cancer

- Increased risk from smoking 10x
- Increased risk from industrial asbestos exposure 5x
- Combined increased risk over 50x

Asbestos & Smoking
Increases Lung Cancer
risk by over 50x

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Asbestos Diseases

- **Mesothelioma**
 - Cancer of the lining of the chest cavity or abdomen.
 - 2,500 deaths/ year
 - Rare Cancer
 - No dose-response relationship
 - Always fatal
 - 20-40 yr latency

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Other Diseases

Cancers

- Pleural plaques
- Pleural thickening
- Pleural effusion
- Esophagus
- Stomach
- Colon
- Pancreas

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Asbestos Diseases

- Risks Associated with Low Level Asbestos Exposure

- Manufactured Mineral Fibers

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Current Events

World Trade Center/ Lower Manhattan Test and Clean Program

- Test for remaining dust
- 2002 program cleaned/ tested 4100 homes
- Coordinating proper demolitions



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Libby, Montana

- One of largest asbestos exposure cases in US
- Over 7000 individuals tested 2000-01
- 18% have asbestos-related abnormalities
- Typical products
 - concrete aggregate
 - soil conditioners
 - fertilizer carriers
 - Attic & wall insulation
 - potting soil



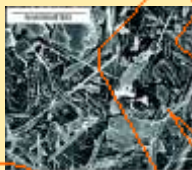
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Libby, Montana

Mine Facts:

- Opened in 1921
- 80% world's supply of vermiculite
- W.R. Grace purchased in 1963
- Stopped production in 1990
- Stopped shipments in 1992
- Average amphibole asbestos content of 4 to 6%



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Libby, Montana

- Most of clean-up is completed
- Abatement of 794 properties by end of 2006
- Removed 400,000 tons contaminated soil
- Screened over 3500 properties in Libby area
- Screen 1000 properties in Troy, MT area
- EPA costs over \$150,000,000



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Son's of Libby Assessment



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Son's of Libby Assessment


- 243 sites received Libby vermiculite
- ATSDR investigating 28
- Testing & remediation occurring



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Vermiculite Insulation Awareness Campaign

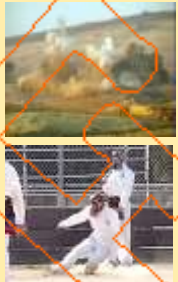


- Do not disturb
- Limit activity level in attic
- Keep children out
- Do not remove it yourself
- Hire asbestos professionals to safely remove the material

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Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA) in California


- Eldorado Hills community
- EPA assessed sports venues, playgrounds, and gardens at schools, parks, and playgrounds
- Testing shows that asbestos fibers were found in almost all the samples collected



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Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA) in California

- Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) is located on one of the largest naturally occurring asbestos deposits in the world
- 30,000-acre serpentine deposit is used by thousands of visitors each year



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Section 2 Legal Issues



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Areas of Liability

1. **Regulatory**
2. **Criminal**
3. **Civil**


Contractual Tort



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Civil Liability

- Study by RAND Institute for Civil Justice issued May 10, 2005
 - Over 730,000 people in the US have filed claims
 - Claims cost businesses over \$70 billion by end of 2002
 - Claimants receive about \$0.42/ \$1.00 spent on litigation
 - Defense costs are about \$0.31/ \$1.00



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Civil Liability

- Study by RAND Institute for Civil Justice issued May 10, 2005
- Plaintiff attorneys and other related costs are about \$0.27/ \$1.00
- 90% of all new claims by people with no cancerous injuries
- Mesothelioma cases doubled 1994-2002, still small percentage
- Increasing claims brought by non-asbestos trades



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Federal Asbestos Regulations

OSHA (29 CFR 1926.1101)

- All asbestos jobs covered
- **Class I** – Removal of TSI & surfacing
- **Class II** – Removal of all materials except TSI & surfacing
- **Class III** – any repairs up to 1 glovebag or disposal bag
- **Class IV** – cleanup where ACM is contacted but not disturbed
- **Unclassified operations**
- **PACM** - Presumed Asbestos-Containing Material.



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Federal Asbestos Regulations

NESHAP (40 CFR Part 61 Subpart M)

- Category I NF (pliable)
- Category II NF (brittle, rigid)
- RACM – basically any currently or will become friable material
- Notification requirements
- Emission control procedures
- Disposal requirements



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Federal Asbestos Regulations

AHERA (40 CFR Part 763 Subpart E)

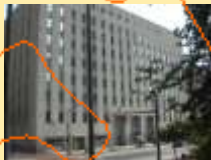
- All LEA's - public or private, not-for-profit school system consisting of grades K-12.
- Manage/ abate all asbestos containing building material (**ACBM**)
- **Response actions** include all friable asbestos abatement projects conducted in school building or on exterior mechanical components



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Building Owner Responsibilities



- Identify ACM
- Notify occupants

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Employer Responsibilities

- Identify ACM
- Notifications
- Worker Protection
 - Training – asbestos & safety
 - Medical
 - Fit tests
 - Tools & equipment
 - Safety equipment



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Competent Person's Responsibility

Responsible for activities at work site
1 Competent Person/ work site

Capabilities

- Identifying hazards
- Selecting control strategy
- Authority to take corrective measures
- Keep trained
- Employee exposure determination



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Competent Person's Responsibility

Responsibility areas:

- Violations, injuries, damage
- May be personally responsible
- Regularly inspect job site



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Worker's Responsibility



- Knowingly and willfully violating a regulation
- Falsifying training records
- Performing asbestos work without the proper training

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Training

OSHA Requirements

- Prior to start of work
- Annual refresher

Repair & Clean-up Training

- Asbestos repair- 16 Hr O&M
- Asbestos clean-up- at least 2 Hr awareness
- Competent person – 16 hours



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Section 3 Sampling & Analysis



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Bulk (Material) Sampling

- Determines % asbestos in material
- Multiple samples
- Sample w/ highest asbestos content = material asbestos content
- Personnel certification required
- O&M – no bulk sampling
- Various analytical methods
- Data in asbestos survey reports



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Bulk Sampling



- Any samples from material over 1% = ACM
- Materials with asbestos 1% or less have OSHA issues
- No testing data = ACM

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Personal Air Sampling



- Exposure outside respirator
- Competent person's responsibility
- Use of previous data
 - Similar repairs
 - Good for 1 year

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Personal Air Sampling

• Procedures

- Position of sample
- Pump position & flow rate
- Calibration requirements
- 30 minute & 8 hr TWA measurements



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Personal Air Sampling

Recordkeeping Requirements

- Date of measurement
- Operation (task)
- Sampling & analytical methods
- Number, duration, & results of samples
- Protective devices worn
- Name, ID#, & exposure of all represented employees



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Sampling Results & Exposure Levels

- Results available w/in 5 days for 30 years past sampling

• PEL's

- 0.1 f/cc – 8 Hr TWA
- 1.0 f/cc – 30 min excursion



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Sampling Results & Exposure Levels

Negative Exposure Assessment

- Proof being below PEL
- Objective, previous jobs, current jobs
- Once NEA established
 - Similar jobs assumed below PEL
 - Closely resemble criteria
 - Can reduce requirements



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RESPIRATORY HAZARDS

Categories of Respiratory Hazards	
Oxygen Deficiency Toxic Contaminants	Asbestos
Types of Toxic Contaminants	
Particulates Gases Vapors	Asbestos

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RESPIRATORY HAZARDS

Controlling Respiratory Hazards	
Assess the hazard	Bulk Sampling Air Sampling
Reduce or eliminate the hazard	Work practices & engineering controls
Provide respiratory protective equipment	Proper respirators & filters

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Use of Respirators

When do I have to wear a respirator?

1. Repairing TSI or surfacing ACM
2. ACM not removed intact
3. Wet methods not used
4. Exposure above PEL/ no NEA exists

When do I **not** have to wear a respirator?


1. Miscellaneous ACM contacted
2. Wet methods used
3. NEA exists
4. ACM removed intact



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Types of Masks

- OSHA has Assigned Protection Factors for each respirator face piece
- Filtering facepiece (Dust mask) not for asbestos use




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Types of Masks

Half-Mask Air-Purifying

- PF=10




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Types of Masks

Full Facepiece Air-Purifying

- PF=10 (qualitative)
- PF=50 (quantitative)




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Types of Masks

Powered Air-Purifying


- PF=1000



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Maximum Use Concentration

- Highest exposure allowed w/ type of respirator
 PEL inside facepiece (0.1 f/cc)
- Allowed to wear any respirator @ or below MUC
- Recommended use concentration
 - 0.01 f/cc inside facepiece (USEPA Final Clearance Level)



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Maximum Use Concentration

MUC =
Respirator's APF
x
0.1 f/cc

Respirator	MUC (APF x PEL)	Recommended Use Concentration (APF x 0.01 f/cc)
Half-Mask Air Purifying	1.0 f/cc (10 x 0.1 f/cc)	0.1 f/cc (10 x 0.01 f/cc)
Full Facepiece Air-Purifying w/ Qualitative Fit Test	1.0 f/cc (10 x 0.1 f/cc)	0.1 f/cc (10 x 0.01 f/cc)
Full Facepiece Air-Purifying w/ Quantitative Fit Test	5.0 f/cc (50 x 0.1 f/cc)	0.5 f/cc (50 x 0.01 f/cc)
Powered Air-Purifying (PAPR) Full Facepiece	100.0 f/cc (1000 x 0.1 f/cc)	10.0 f/cc (1000 x 0.01 f/cc)

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Types of Filters


National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health



Conducts Approval Testing

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Types of Filters



- HEPA = 99.97% @ 0.3 μm
- Purple or magenta colors

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Types of Filters

NIOSH Oil Mists/ Solvents Resistance Rating	
N	Not resistant
R	Resistant up to 1 shift
P	Oil proof, resistant over 1 shift

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Types of Filters

NIOSH Efficiency Rating	
95	95% of particles
99	99% of particles
100	99.97% of particles @ 0.3 µm

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Types of Filters

Filters Approved for Asbestos	
N 100	Acceptable (evaluate airborne oil mists/ solvents)
R 100	Acceptable (evaluate airborne oil mists/ solvents)
P 100	Recommended (no evaluation needed)

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User Seal Checks


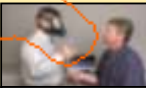
- Every time
- Negative pressure check
 - Close off inlets
 - Inhale collapsing facepiece slightly
 - Seal should hold for 10 seconds
- Positive pressure check
 - Close off exhalation valve
 - Exhale gently 10 seconds w/o leakage

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Fit Tests



- Annually
- Exercises
- Qualitative
 - 4 solutions
 - Advantages/ disadvantages
- Quantitative
 - 3 methods
 - Fit factor values
- Acceptable methods


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Respirator Care

- Cleaning
 - Warm soapy water wash
 - Clean water rinse
 - Air Dry
- Maintenance
 - Routine inspections
 - Repair w/ qualified personnel & parts
- Storage
 - Protect from damage
 - Plastic bag
- Acceptable methods

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Protective Clothing

- Keeps asbestos off body
- Usually disposable
- Required above PEL or no NEA
- Wearing requirements
 - Don prior to entering regulated area
 - Remove on outside dropcloth/ outside regulated area



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Protective Clothing

Removal procedure:

- Proceed to decontamination area
- HEPA vac suit using buddy system
- Take suit off inside-out, rolling suit down body
- Dispose of suit as asbestos waste



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Proper respirator use?



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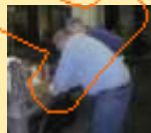


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Overview

1. Determine asbestos content
2. Evaluate condition and amount of material
3. Determine if NEA exists
4. Determine effort level
5. Are people in adjacent areas aware?
6. Assemble needed tools and supplies.



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1. Asbestos Content

- Check for testing report
- Treating a material as non-ACM
 - Need testing data showing no ACM
- Treating a material as ACM
 - Testing data confirms ACM
 - No testing reports




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2. Material Amount & Condition


Quantities

- Class III work cannot exceed 1 glovebag or disposal bag



Condition


- Intact vs. non-intact
- Affects controls needed for repair



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3. NEA Exist ?

- Repairs conducted below PEL
- Conditions must 'closely resemble' previous repair
- Competent person's responsibility
- May reduce controls & PPE



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4. Level of Repair

- Level A Repair - Intact w/ NEA
- Basic work practices
- Established work area
- Limited isolation of repair activity



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4. Level of Repair

- Level B Repair - Glovebag
- 1 glovebag/ repair
- Glovebag seals repair area, disturb material from outside bag
- Commonly used for pipe insulation
- Basic work practices
- Established work area




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4. Level of Repair

Level C Repair – Mini-Enclosure


- Isolates repair area w/ 6 mil plastic enclosure
- Negative pressure & airflow established w/ HEPA filtration
- Keeps fibers in area and air levels lower
- Used when glovebag can't contain disturbance
- Basic work practices
- Established work area
- Not sure what level – pick higher one



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5. Notifying Personnel

- Supervisor's/ designated person's responsibility
 - Repair personnel verify
- Options regarding adjacent personnel
 - Remove from surrounding area
 - Notify all in surrounding area
- Methods
 - Send notices
 - Post signs
 - Hold meetings



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6. Assembling Tools & Supplies

- Asbestos repair kit
- Keep stocked
- Contents



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Section 7 Setting Up the Work Area

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Overview

- Prepare the area
- Establish regulated area
- Comply w/ regulated area requirements



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Preparing the Work Area

- Follow general maintenance safety + asbestos controls
- LOTO electrical & HVAC (if feasible)
- GFCI live electric
- Cool lines
- Only authorized personnel in work area
 - Schedule when area is not in use
 - Lock room/ area
 - Barrier tape
- Avoid creating unsafe work area, ie egress



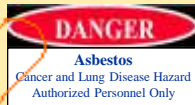
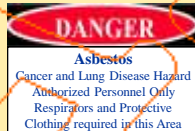
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Establishing Asbestos Regulated Area

All asbestos repairs

1. Danger signs & barrier tape
 - Readable prior to entering regulated area
 - May be placed inside physical barriers
 - About 5-10' perimeter around repair location
2. GFCI live circuits
3. Remove non-stationary items
 - Move outside regulated area or cover w/ plastic



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Establishing Asbestos Regulated Area

4. Plastic sheet/ drop cloth beneath removal activity
 - Extend 2-3' from repair area
 - Cover elevated working surfaces



5. Establish decontamination area
 - Required above PEL, optional below
 - Plastic sheet on floor outside regulated area
 - Used for donning/ removing PPE, cleaning waste bag & equipment



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Regulated Area Requirements

Maintained during entire repair activity

1. Only authorized personnel inside
 - Readable prior to entering regulated area
 - May be placed inside physical barriers
 - About 5-10' perimeter around repair location
2. PPE donned prior to entry
 - Performed on outside drop cloth
3. Prohibited activities (w/ or w/o NEA)
 - Eating
 - Drinking
 - Smoking
 - Chewing tobacco or gum
 - Applying cosmetics



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Section 8 Asbestos Repair Work Practices

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Overview

1. General asbestos work practices & prohibitions
2. Glovebagging
3. Mini-Enclosures
4. Waste disposal requirements
5. Specific procedures



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Asbestos Work Practices



- Wet methods, HEPA vacs, prompt clean-up
- Prevents uncontrolled fiber release
- Always used
- Exceptions may apply, i.e. safety issues

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Asbestos Work Practices

Wet methods

- Water + surfactant
- Other solutions may be considered
- Reduces airborne fiber concentrations
- Material dislodges from substrate easier
- Safety considerations/ solution properties



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Asbestos Work Practices

HEPA Vacuums

- 99.97% efficiency @0.3 μm
- Make sure working properly



Prompt Clean-up

- Containerize waste as soon as practical
- Prevents waste from drying/ releasing asbestos



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OSHA Prohibited Activities

- High Speed Saws
- Compressed Air
- Dry Clean-up



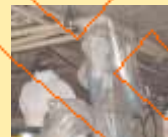
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Glovebagging Procedures

Used for non-intact repairs or aggressive methods
Use right glovebag for the repair.

- Horizontal, vertical glovebags
1. Wrap the pipe insulation with 6-mil plastic sheeting & duct tape
 2. Place necessary tools into pouch
 3. Place or install water source
 4. Secure and seal glovebag
 - Use duct tape, stapler optional
 5. Secure HEPA vac nozzle

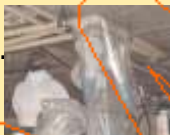


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Glovebagging Procedures

6. Attach HEPA vac, duct tape the nozzle
7. Insert arm(s) into glovebag sleeves.
8. Mist material
9. Cut and remove asbestos material from repair area.
 - Avoid puncturing glovebag.
10. Keep asbestos material wet.
11. Clean pipe/ substrate

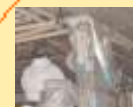


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Glovebagging Procedures

12. Wash down inside of glovebag
13. Clean tools
14. Place tools in glovebag sleeve
 12. Twist arm, sealing from rest of glovebag.
 13. Tape the twisted arm, cut through the middle of the taped arm.
15. Evacuate air from glovebag using HEPA vacuum
 12. Twist the bag, sealing material in the bottom
16. Cut the glovebag above the sealed area.
17. Place in an asbestos waste disposal bag .



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Mini-Enclosures

Used when glovebags not suitable

1. Set up framework around repair
 - Walls, floors, ceiling
2. Seal enclosure w/ 6-mil poly
3. Set up decon (drop cloth) outside entrance
4. Install HEPA vacuum/ filtration
 - Establish air across breathing zone
5. Before disturbance, establish negative pressure & air flow.
6. Don respirator



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Mini-Enclosures

7. Put on disposable suit
8. Remove covers from material
9. Mist, cut, remove material. Collect in disposal bag
10. Wet/ remove remaining material
11. Scrub/ wipe down substrate
12. Clean/ wipe down enclosure interior. Encapsulant optional
13. Clean tools, dispose of rags



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Mini-Enclosures

14. Collapse disposal bag, gooseneck
15. Remove equipment, materials, supplies.
Reuse or dispose of enclosure plastic
16. Remove & dispose suits
17. Wipe off & remove respirator
18. Take sealed asbestos waste to secure area



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Summary Chart

- Intact repair w/ NEA
- Glovebagging
- Mini-Enclosure

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Waste Handling & Disposal

During repair collect continuously

Asbestos waste includes:

- Asbestos material
- Coveralls
- Used rags
- Used drop cloths
- Used respirator filters
- Unwanted asbestos barrier tape & signs



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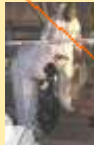
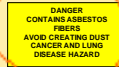
Waste Handling & Disposal

Procedures

- Use asbestos bags w/ OSHA & DOT labels
- Thoroughly wet waste and place in 1st bag
- Collapse 1st bag and seal by goosenecking with duct tape.
- 1st bag, drop cloths, suits, and used respirator filters are all placed in 2nd bag

Removing from facility

- Generator label
- Manifest



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Material-Specific Requirements

- Piping System Insulation Repair
- Surfacing Material Repair
- Boiler and Tank Insulation Repair
- Drywall/ Joint Compound Repair
- Gasket Removal
- Repairs Involving Flooring Material
- Repairs Involving Transite Siding
- Repairs Involving Roofing Material
- Clean-up Procedures/ Fiber Release Episodes

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Section 9 Competent Person Responsibilities

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Overview

Responsible for repairs

Capabilities

- Identifying hazards
- Selecting control strategy
- Authority to take corrective measures
- Keep trained
- Employee exposure determination



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Overview

Responsibility areas:

- Violations, injuries, damage
- May be personally responsible
- Regularly inspect job site



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Repair Activity Duties

- **1 Competent Person/ Repair Responsible for repair**
 - Doesn't have to do it
- **Needs to know expected exposure**
 - Can rely on data from various sources w/in organization



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Repair Activity Duties

- Identify repairs asbestos repairs
- Determine repair level
- Review available NEA and determine employee exposure
- Make sure personnel qualified and have PPE & equipment
- Review work with personnel.
- Be available to respond
- Review paperwork, repair site, and waste disposal location



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Repair Activity Duties

- Oversee keeping equipment and supplies stocked.
- File completed paperwork in designated location.
- Make available air sampling reports with asbestos repair personnel.



Asbestos Repair Activity Log

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Section 10 Safety Concerns

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Overview

- All job sites have safety concerns
- Asbestos abatement activities often make job sites less safe

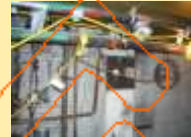


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Electrical Safety

- Use proper lock-out/ tag-out procedures
- Use caution with wet methods
- De-energize as much equipment as possible
- Consider using dry removal in areas immediately adjacent to energized electrical equipment if de-energizing is not feasible.
- Use non-conductive tools
- Ensure that all electrical equipment in use is properly grounded, properly use GFCI's

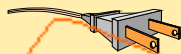


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Electrical Safety

- Use care not to violate insulated coverings with scrapers, scaffolding wheels, etc
- Elevate wiring
- Do not allow water to accumulate on floors.
- Ensure that electrical outlets are tightly sealed and taped to avoid water spray.
- Perform a pre-work walkthrough to identify potential sources of electrical hazards.



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Electrical Injuries

- **Entrance Wound:** High resistance of skin transforms electrical energy into heat, which produces burns around the entrance point (dark spot in center of wound).



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Electrical Injuries

- **Exit Wound:** Current flows through the body from the entrance point, until finally exiting where the body is closest to the ground.



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Electrical Injuries

- **Arc or flashburn** - This man was near a power box when an electrical explosion occurred. Though he did not touch the box, electricity *arced* through the air and entered his body.



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Electrical Injuries

- Current exited this man at his knees, catching his clothing on fire and burning his upper leg.



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Electrical Injuries

- **Internal Injury-** This worker was shocked by a tool he was holding. The entrance wound and thermal burns from the overheated tool are apparent



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Electrical Injuries

- **Internal injury** Same hand a few days later, when massive subcutaneous tissue damage had caused severe swelling (swelling usually peaks 24-72 hours after electrical shock).



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Electrical Injuries

- This worker fell and grabbed a powerline to catch himself. The resulting electric shock mummified his first two fingers, which had to be removed.



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Ladders

- Extension type ladders - 1-4 lean ratio
- Maintain in good condition.
- Complete inspections are done periodically.
- No improvised repairs are made.
- Defective ladders are not used.
- Safety feet spreaders and other components of ladders are in good condition.



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Ladders

- Movable parts operate freely without binding or undue play Rungs are kept free of grease or oil
- Ladders are used for their intended purpose
- Step ladders only used when fully opened.
- The user faces the ladder while going up and down.
- Tops are not used as steps.
- Back bracing not used for climbing.
- One person at a time.
- Fiberglass ladders are recommended.



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Scaffolding

- Ensure proper setup, regular inspection, and basic maintenance
- For free-standing mobile scaffolding, height = 4x base
- When workers will be riding mobile scaffolding, height = 2x base
- Guardrails when scaffold is over 10'
 - Also when height is 4- 10', < 45" wide.
- Planking requirements



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Scaffolding

Proper use?



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Aerial Lifts

- Ensure that workers are properly trained
- Maintain and operate elevating work platforms
- Never override hydraulic, mechanical, or electrical safety devices.
- Never move the equipment with workers in an elevated platform unless this is permitted by the manufacturer.



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Aerial Lifts

- Do not allow workers to position themselves between overhead hazards, such as joists and beams, and the rails of the basket.
- Keep at least 10 feet (3 m) away from the nearest overhead lines.
- Always treat powerlines, wires and other conductors as energized
- Use a body harness or restraining belt with a lanyard attached to the boom or basket



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Aerial Lifts

- Set the brakes, and use wheel chocks when on an incline.
- Use outriggers, if provided.
- Do not exceed the load limits of the equipment.
- Allow for the combined weight of the worker, tools, and materials



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Slips, Trips & Falls

- Use slip-resistant rubber soled boots
- Minimize water on floors.
- Use care around air lines and electrical cords.
- Suspend electrical lines and cords.
- No running, jumping, or horseplay in work areas.
- Minimize debris on floors.
- Pick up tools, scrapers, etc.
- Use proper harnesses when needed or required.



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Haz-Com

- Comprehensive written hazard communication program;
- Labeling of hazardous materials;
- Maintaining material safety data sheets;
- Employee training.



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