



air pollution control district  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

## Asbestos Notification Requirements for Renovation and Demolition Projects

### **Background**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Asbestos National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) to protect the public and environment from cancer-causing asbestos fibers that can be released from building materials during renovation and demolition projects. The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) is given the responsibility and authority by the EPA to implement and enforce the Asbestos NESHAP in Santa Barbara County. The Asbestos NESHAP requires owners and operators to survey for asbestos and provide written notification to the APCD prior to starting regulated renovation and demolition projects.

### **Subject Facilities**

Most types of buildings, structures, and installations are considered "facilities" and are regulated by the Asbestos NESHAP. Currently, individual single-family residences (SFRs) are exempt from the Asbestos NESHAP and District requirements. However, certain circumstances may cause these types of buildings to be regulated. For example, a SFR that is part of an "installation" or that is renovated or demolished as part of a commercial or public project is not exempted from the Asbestos NESHAP. A SFR with a detached guest house is NOT exempt, but one with a studio above their attached garage would be exempt. Prior to beginning renovation or demolition work at a SFR, please contact the APCD at [asbestos@sbcapcd.org](mailto:asbestos@sbcapcd.org) to ensure compliance.

### **Survey Requirements**

The Asbestos NESHAP requires a thorough inspection (survey) for asbestos be conducted at a facility prior to starting renovation or demolition work. Asbestos can be found in new and old construction alike; therefore there is no exemption from this requirement based on the age of the construction or facility. A Certified Asbestos Consultant (CAC) is required to perform the asbestos survey.

## Notification Requirements

An owner/operator of a regulated facility must notify the APCD at least 10 days prior to beginning renovations that exceed the NESHAP threshold (260 linear feet, or 160 square feet, or 35 cubic feet) of regulated asbestos containing material and before all demolitions. Notifications for these activities must include:

1. a copy of the asbestos survey conducted by a CAC,
2. a completed Notification for Renovation and Demolition Form (ENF-28), and
3. any/all applicable fees.

If an exemption applies, owners/operators are encouraged to submit an Exemption from Notification for Renovation and Demolition Form (ENF-28e) to the APCD. There are no fees associated with filing Form ENF-28e.

## District Clearance for Building Departments

Building Departments may request their applicants obtain APCD Clearance before issuing a building permit. To obtain the APCD's sign-off on a project, owners/operators must submit the Building Department's Clearance Form(s), a current asbestos survey, and either a completed notification form (ENF-28 and Fees) or exemption form (ENF-28e) to the APCD at [asbestos@sbcapcd.org](mailto:asbestos@sbcapcd.org). Please be aware the Asbestos NESHAP's requirements apply regardless of a Building Department's request for APCD Clearance and their issuance of a building permit.

## Violations and Penalties

Asbestos NESHAP violations range from \$500 - \$50,000 per violation, per day.

## Notification Forms

Notification for Renovation and Demolition Forms (ENF-28 and ENF-28e) are available on the APCD's website at: [www.ourair.org/asbestos/](http://www.ourair.org/asbestos/)

Please contact APCD if you have questions, concerns, or need assistance determining your project's requirements.



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