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ADVISORY NOTICE

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Important Notice to all Facility Owners and Contractors Performing Renovations or Demolitions Re: Asbestos

SCAQMD Rule 1403 governs work practice requirements for asbestos in all renovation and demolition activities. The purpose of the rule is to protect the health and safety of the public by limiting dangerous emissions from the removal and associated disturbance of Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACM).

The **current** version of the rule, as amended by the SCAQMD Governing Board on October 5, 2007, includes requirements for asbestos surveying, notifications, ACM removal procedures and time schedules, ACM handling and clean-up procedures, and the storage, disposal, and landfiling requirements for resulting waste materials. All operators are also required to maintain records, including waste shipment records, and must use appropriate warning labels, signs, and markings.

Among other things, the **current** requirements of Rule 1403 include the following:

1. **ONSITE SURVEY** – A survey for the presence of ACM must be conducted and documented **prior to** commencement of **any** renovation (except for single-unit, residential structures where less than 100 square feet of surface area of ACM are removed or stripped) or **any** demolition (no exceptions).
 - The survey must be conducted by a Cal/OSHA-certified inspector or, as permitted by Cal/OSHA, an employee of the facility who possesses an unexpired AHERA Building Inspector certificate from a Cal/OSHA-approved course.
 - All surveys must be documented in writing. The survey report must identify all ACM that will be disturbed during any part of the renovation or demolition; must provide information regarding the condition of the ACM, specifically whether or not it is damaged or disturbed; and must make a determination of the friability of the ACM. The surveying inspector

must observe the ACM in person and be able to touch the ACM to determine its friability.

- A survey must still be conducted and documented, even when a notification is not required, as referenced below.

2. **ONLINE NOTIFICATIONS** – SCAQMD must be notified, using the online web app, **prior to** any work activities taking place for (a) renovations that impact ACM (except for renovations involving less than 100 square feet total of ACM surface area); (b) all renovations involving the clean-up of damaged or disturbed ACM; and (c) all demolitions. Pre-registration with SCAQMD is required to use the web app.

3. **REMOVAL AND CLEAN-UP PROCEDURES**

- Rule 1403 identifies five procedures for proper asbestos abatement:
 - Procedure 1 – Total enclosure with HEPA filtration to provide negative pressure (for friable ACM);
 - Procedure 2 – Glovebag (for small projects);
 - Procedure 3 – Adequate Wetting (for non-friable ACM);
 - Procedure 4 – Dry Removal Approved Alternative (for projects where using wetting would be hazardous), requires prior approval from SCAQMD; or
 - Procedure 5 – Approved Alternative (for projects involving damaged or disturbed ACM), requires prior approval from SCAQMD.
- **A Procedure 5 clean-up plan must be submitted whenever there is damaged or disturbed ACM, regardless of the size of the project. Abatement of damaged or disturbed ACM may not begin until the Procedure 5 plan has been approved in writing by SCAQMD staff.**

Please refer to Rule 1403 (<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-xiv/rule-1403.pdf>) for all current requirements, and the Rule 1403 Frequently Asked Questions page (<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/compliance/Asbestos-Demolition-/1403-frequently-asked-questions.pdf>) for more information.

If you have any questions regarding the current requirements of Rule 1403, please call the Asbestos Hotline at (909) 396-2336 or send an email to Rule1403Notifications@aqmd.gov.