

Asbestos Updates # 2 - April 22, 2015

Homogeneous Areas and SRCAA's Asbestos Regulation:
Changes to the asbestos survey procedures and required survey report contents

Multiple changes to the local asbestos regulations took effect September 2, 2014. Spokane Clean Air launched an Asbestos Updates service, which is a series of email messages over the next several months highlighting various changes in the regulation.

Homogeneous Areas and SRCAA's Asbestos Regulation: Changes to the asbestos survey procedures and required survey report contents include:

A definition for homogeneous areas: Homogeneous Area means an area of surfacing material, thermal system insulation material, or a miscellaneous material that is uniform in color or texture. Unless approved otherwise by SRCAA, rubble piles, debris piles, ash, soil, and similar materials are not homogeneous areas. (Section 9.02.P)

Clarification that the locations of all homogeneous areas of suspect asbestos-containing material must be included in the asbestos survey report: Identify and describe all homogeneous areas of suspect asbestos-containing material. (Section 9.03.C.1.g)

Along with a description of each suspect asbestos-containing material an asbestos survey report is required to identify and describe each homogeneous area of suspect material. Identifying and describing a homogeneous area allows the user of an asbestos survey to know the entire area where each suspect asbestos-containing material was found.

Follow this link to an illustration showing one way that a table in an asbestos survey report may be used to identify and describe homogeneous areas.

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To ensure we are including the key asbestos information that you want to know about, please click on the link to complete this short Asbestos Service Providers Survey, by April 24, 2015.

Please feel free to forward this email to others in your organization and industry. Below are quick links you might find useful:

Summary of the 2014 asbestos regulation changes.

Complete local asbestos regulations and more.

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