

## ***Asbestos Updates - October 2017***

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Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (Spokane Clean Air) Regulation I, Article IX, Section 9.03 requires that prior to any renovation or demolition activities an asbestos survey must be performed on all suspect asbestos-containing materials.

An asbestos survey consists of a written report resulting from a thorough inspection performed by an AHERA building inspector using the conventional asbestos survey procedures specified in Section 9.03.B and 40 CFR 763.86 and/or alternate asbestos survey procedures in Section 9.03.F.3.

**A written alternate asbestos survey method** as described in Section 9.03.F.3 **shall be prepared and used** prior to renovation or demolition on occasions **when conventional sampling methods cannot be exclusively performed** (all other asbestos survey requirements in Section 9.03 of Spokane Clean Air's Regulation apply). For example, conventional sampling methods may not be possible on damaged buildings or portions thereof when materials are not intact or homogeneous areas are not identifiable.

Conventional sampling methods should not be used for debris piles, debris within soil, or ash. If conventional sampling methods cannot be used exclusively and materials are not presumed to be asbestos-containing material (ACM), an alternate asbestos survey methodology must be utilized.

For additional information, please refer to our guidance document, [Alternate Asbestos Surveys for AHERA Building Inspectors](#).

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