



Structural Fire Training Exercises by Fire Protection Agencies

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Below is a summary of Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency requirements. Please refer to Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency's Regulation I for a complete description of the regulations. Structural fire training is allowed by rule – a fire training permit is not required from SRCAA for a fire protection agency to conduct structural fire training.

- **Asbestos Survey** – *SRCAA Regulation I, Article IX, Section 9.03 and RCW 52.12.150(6)*

An asbestos survey must be performed pursuant to Regulation I, Article IX, Section 9.03. In addition, RCW 52.12.150(6) requires that a good-faith inspection be conducted to determine if asbestos-containing materials are present. The Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) requires asbestos surveys be performed by AHERA building inspectors.

- **If Asbestos Is Found** – *SRCAA Regulation I, Article IX*

Asbestos-containing materials must be removed by a certified asbestos abatement contractor prior to structural fire training / demolition. Spokane Clean Air maintains a list of local contractors that perform asbestos removal. Asbestos removal must not be conducted by the owner(s), because structures used for structural fire training do not qualify as owner-occupied, single-family residences. A complete Notice of Intent (NOI) for asbestos removal must be received by Spokane Clean Air at least 10 days prior to removal.

The asbestos abatement contractor typically files a NOI for asbestos removal and demolition with Spokane Clean Air, but the Fire Protection Agency should be sure to obtain a copy of the NOI, because a copy must be kept on-site and made available for inspection at all times during demolition activities.

- **Demolition** – *SRCAA Regulation I, Article IX, Section 9.02.M and Article X, Section 10.09*

A complete NOI and associated fee must be received by Spokane Clean Air at least 10 days in advance of demolition for all structural fire training exercises. Structures used for structural fire training exercises do not qualify as Owner-Occupied, Single-Family Residences.

Spokane Clean Air's Notice of Intent fee is waived if a certified AHERA building inspector performs the asbestos survey as defined in Article IX. Spokane Clean Air maintains a list of AHERA building inspectors that perform asbestos surveys. The list is available by calling our office at 477-4727 or on-line at <http://www.spokanecleanair.org>.

- **On-Site Records** – *SRCAA Regulation I, Article IX, Sections 9.03.D and 9.04.A.5.a*

A copy of the NOI, all amendments to the NOI, and the asbestos survey shall be available for inspection at all times at the structural fire training site.

- **Fire Training Plan** – *SRCAA Regulation I, Article VI, Section 6.01.D.1.d.iii*

The fire protection agency conducting the fire training must have a fire-training plan, which will be made available to the Spokane Clean Air upon request. The purpose of the structural fire must be to train fire fighters.

- **Identifying Structures** – *RCW 52.12.150(5)*

The specific structures proposed to be set on fire and not set on fire, that are located on the same parcel of property must be identified within the Fire Training Plan.

- **Prohibited Materials** – *SRCAA Regulation I, Article VI, Section 6.01.D.1.d.iv*

Composition roofing, asphalt roofing shingles, asphalt siding materials, miscellaneous debris from inside the structure, carpet, linoleum, and floor tile, must not be burned unless such materials are identified by the fire protection agency as being an essential part of the fire training exercise and are described as such in the fire-training plan. Materials removed from the structure(s) must be disposed of in a lawful manner prior to the training exercise.

- **Burning Not Allowed** – *SRCAA Regulation I, Article VI, Section 6.01.F.3 and RCW 52.12.150(2)*

Contact Spokane Clean Air's burning information line (477-4727, ext. 109) each day prior to conducting any structural fire training to determine outdoor burning conditions (e.g., air pollution episode or a curtailment due to impaired air quality). The caller will be directed to leave the name of the agency, name of the responsible person, date, and location where training will occur. Any restriction to burning will be announced via the recording.

- **Notice to Adjacent Property Owners** – *SRCAA Regulation I, Article VI, Section 6.01.D.1.d.vi and RCW 52.12.150(4)*

Notice of the fire shall be provided to the owners of property adjoining the property on which the fire will occur, to other persons who will potentially be impacted by the fire and to additional persons in a broader manner as specifically requested by Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency or the Washington State Department of Ecology.

- **Nuisance** – *SRCAA Regulation I, Article VI, Section 6.01.D.1.d.v and RCW 52.12.150(3)*

Nuisance laws are applicable to the fire, including nuisances related to the unreasonable interference with the enjoyment of life and property, and the deposition of particulate matter or ash on other property. Every effort shall be made to avoid creating a nuisance. The fire must be immediately extinguished if it causes a nuisance.

- **Complaints** - *SRCAA Regulation I, Article VI, Section 6.01.D.1.d.viii*

Persons conducting the training are responsible for responding to citizen inquiries and resolving citizen complaints caused by the training activity.

- **General** – *SRCAA Regulation I, Article VI, Section 6.01.F.16*

The fire must conform with other permits, licenses, or approvals that may be required.