



WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Asbestos Rules



- If suspected asbestos containing material (ACM) is found, it must be assumed to be asbestos unless it is tested by an AHERA approved lab to ascertain the asbestos content
- The cost of testing is an allowable H&S cost.
- If major asbestos problems are encountered, the client **must** be notified of the potential hazard and the project may be deferred.

Asbestos Rules



- The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) allows for program staff obtain a sample of suspected ACM on residential projects that are 4 units or smaller.
- The DEQ requires an asbestos survey be performed by an AHERA certified individual on residential buildings that are 5 units or larger **and** the project involves demolition or renovation.

Asbestos Rules



- Care must be taken when sampling suspected ACM to prevent disturbing the asbestos fibers. When suspected ACM are blown or troweled in place, (i.e. vermiculite or ceiling texture) it is recommended to take more than one sample.
- When friable ACM is present blower door and duct leakage testing should be avoided.

Asbestos Rules



- General asbestos removal is *not* approved as a health and safety weatherization cost.
- Encapsulation by an AHERA certified professional is allowed if the 15% H&S USDOE limit is not exceeded.
 - BPA allows 30% H&S
 - ECHO allows 15% H&S
 - LIHEAP – No H&S Limit

Vermiculite



- When vermiculite is present, unless testing determines otherwise, the **measure** containing the vermiculite is to be deferred.
- Encapsulation by an AHERA asbestos control professional is allowed.
- Removal is not allowed.



Pipes, Duct Tape, Furnaces



- Assume ACM unless testing confirms otherwise
- What is the condition of the ACM?
- If deteriorated and friable, and encapsulating is not an option, the measure must be deferred.
- If condition is good, have workers avoid disturbing the ACM and complete the measure if possible.



Asbestos Siding



- Cement/asbestos siding is not considered friable.
- It is allowable but not required, to remove cement/asbestos siding to install wall insulation.
- If asbestos siding is going to be removed, inform the client that suspected asbestos siding is present and how precautions will be taken.
- Workers removing siding must be trained in proper removal and replacement of siding.



What does asbestos look like?



Client Notification



- Clients **must** be informed that suspected asbestos is present and what precautions will be taken.
- Clients will be instructed not to disturb suspected asbestos containing material.
- Clients **must** be provided information on asbestos safety and steps to correct deferral conditions (where applicable).
- Clients are required to sign a hazard notification form if test results are positive or asbestos is assumed.

Questions?