Texas Department of State Health Services
Asbestos Survey and Notification Requirements for Demolition of Buildings
Decision Tree Flowchart

Is the structure to be demolished a single family dwelling or an apartment or condominium of 4 or less units?

Yes

Are other homes or commercial or public buildings on the same site also being demolished or renovated?

No

Regulated by the TAHPR and/or the NESHAP. Is the facility a public building (allows general public access) or will it be used as a public building?

Yes

Survey of public buildings must be performed in accordance with TAHPR by a DSHS licensed asbestos inspector. Does the survey identify RACM above the 160 square feet, 260 linear feet, or 35 cubic feet removal threshold (total for all buildings combined)?

No

Regulated by the NESHAP. Asbestos survey must be performed. Are the other buildings public?

Yes

Asbestos survey must be performed in accordance with NESHAP. In commercial buildings the inspector must have had an EPA/State approved asbestos inspector’s course. Does the survey identify RACM above the 160 square feet, 260 linear feet, or 35 cubic feet removal threshold (total for all buildings combined)?

No

TAHPR and NESHAP not applicable. OSHA worker protection rules may apply.

Yes

Submit notification to DSHS a minimum of 10 working days prior to the demolition start.

Other locations: Submit notification to DSHS a minimum of 10 working days before any activity begins that will disturb or remove ACBM, or the start of demolition, whichever comes first.

- RACM must be removed prior to demolition in accordance with NESHAP.
- NESHAP trained person must be on site during removal of RACM.

No

Submit notification to DSHS a minimum of 10 working days prior to any activity begins that will disturb or remove RACM, or the start of demolition, whichever comes first.

- RACM on the exterior must be abated in accordance with NESHAP.
- NESHAP trained person must be on site during removal of RACM.

NOTICE: This document summarizes applicable law. Please consult state and federal law for complete requirements.

Key:
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
DSHS – Department of State Health Services
TAHPR – Texas Asbestos Health Protection Rules
NESHAP – National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
OSHA – Occupational Health and Safety Administration
RACM – Regulated Asbestos Containing Material
ACBM – Asbestos Containing Building Material

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