Texas Department of State Health Services
Asbestos Project Design Requirements for Buildings
Decision Tree Flowchart

Has the building been declared structurally unsound and in danger of imminent collapse?

No

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

Yes

No design required. Must keep material adequately wet and dispose of material in bulk at a landfill operated in accordance with 40CFR61.154.

No

Will it be converted to an apartment or condo with 5 or more units, or to a commercial or public building?

Yes

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

No

TAHPR design requirement not applicable.

Yes

Will the project disturb Friable Asbestos Containing Building Material? (Response Action)

No

Will the project disturb non-friable asbestos exceeding 160sf of surface area, 260lf of pipe length, or 35 cubic feet off facility components?

Yes

Asbestos project design must be performed in accordance with TAHPR by a DSHS licensed asbestos consultant. The exception to this is flooring removal done by RFCI guidelines.

No

Asbestos project design is not required in accordance with TAHPR.

Response action is a method, including removal, encapsulation, enclosure, repair, and operations and maintenance, that protects human health and the environment from friable asbestos-containing building material.

Key:
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
DSHS – Department of State Health Services
TAHPR – Texas Asbestos Health Protection Rules
MAP – EPA Model Accreditation Plan
SSSD – Small-Scale, Short-Duration activities
RFCI – Resilient Floor Covering Institute

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Definitions:
Small-Scale, Short-Duration activities are tasks such as:
• the repair, removal, enclosure or encapsulation of small quantities of asbestos-containing material only if required in the performance of another maintenance activity not intended as asbestos abatement. Such work may not exceed amounts which can be contained in a single pre-fabricated mini-enclosure.
• the removal of thermal system insulation not to exceed amounts greater than which can be contained in a single glove bag and where that activity is only required in the performance of another maintenance activity not intended as asbestos abatement.

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