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**
      - Will it be converted to an apartment or condo with 5 or more units, or to a commercial or public building?
        - **No**
          - TAHPR design requirement not applicable.
        - **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**
              - Will the project disturb Friable Asbestos Containing Building Material? (Response Action)
            - **Yes**
              - Will the project disturb non-friable asbestos exceeding 160sf of surface area, 260lf of pipe length, or 35 cubic feet off facility components?
                - **No**
                  - Asbestos project design is not required in accordance with TAHPR. Abatement must be performed by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor.
                - **Yes**
                  - Abatement must be performed by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor.

- **Yes**
  - Asbestos project design must be performed by an accredited asbestos project designer in accordance with MAP. The designer must have a current EPA/State approved asbestos project designer course.
    - **No**
      - Abatement must be performed by an accredited asbestos abatement contractor.
    - **Yes**
      - MAP does not require a design by an accredited designer.

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

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.

**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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