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Asbestos Authority

MDAQMD is delegated to enforce the Asbestos National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), as specified under 40 CFR 61, Subpart M per District Rule 1000 as it applies to asbestos removal and demolitions. The NESHAP requires delegated district be notified for certain projects containing Regulated Asbestos Containing Material (RACM). RACM means:

- Friable asbestos material
- Category I nonfriable Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) that has become friable
- Category I nonfriable ACM that will be or has been subject to sanding, grinding, cutting or abrading, or
- Category II nonfriable ACM that has a high probability of becoming or has become crumbled, pulverized or reduced to powder by the forces expected to act on the material in the course of demolition or renovation operations

Forms / applications

NEW: Asbestos Flowchart — Need help knowing what form/application your project requires? Download our flowchart which will guide you to the correct documents required by our rules.

Asbestos Checklist is required for all projects requesting an exemption from submitting a Notification of Demolition / Renovation. The checklist helps determine if a Notification of Demolition / Renovation is required; if a checklist is not submitted a Notification of Demolition / Renovation must be submitted. For renovation projects involving the removal or disturbing of at least 160 square feet (260 linear feet on pipes or 35 cubic feet off facility components) an asbestos survey is required. The checklist may indicate that a Notification of Demolition / Renovation is required.

Notification of Demolition / Renovation along with application fees and asbestos survey must be submitted to MDAQMD 10 working days prior to the start of any demolition, or non-exempt renovation work that disturbs more than 160 square feet (260 linear feet on pipes or 35 cubic feet off facility components), and applicable fees must be paid in full. If abatement equipment is present district permit(s) for abatement equipment will be required.

Emergency Notifications are reserved for immediate asbestos removals due to unsafe conditions, equipment damage, unreasonable financial burden, and for Ordered Demolitions. Examples are flood, earthquake, unintentional fires, and site contamination. For emergency removals, attach a letter from the person authorizing the emergency to the Notification. For emergency renovations, notification must be submitted as soon as possible, but not later than one working day (postmarked) after renovation begins. For Ordered Demolitions submit the

name, title, and authority of the State or local government representative who has ordered the demolition, the date that the order was issued, and the date on which the demolition was ordered to begin. A copy of this order shall be attached to the Notification.

Permit Applications are required for EACH negative air machines and/or hepa vacuum. Applicable fees must be paid at time of application. Permits must be issued prior to operation in an abatement project. Instructions application submission and payment submission can be found on the last page of the application form.

Planned renovation operations involving individual nonscheduled operations, predict, and include in the notification, the combined additive amount of RACM to be removed or stripped during a calendar year of January 1 through December 31. An individual may provide notification for planned renovation operations of ACM in lieu of an individual checklist and/or notification for the predicted combined additive amount of ACM to be removed or stripped during a calendar year of January 1 through December 31. Provide to the District at least 10 working days before the end of the calendar year. Provide a revised notice if the amount of asbestos changes by at least 20 percent.

Fees

UPDATED 6/17/2025: Demolition / Renovation Fee

Permit Fee

There are no additional fees for Emergency Notifications or Revisions to Notifications. For projects meeting the Demolition / Renovation Fee schedule with both ACM and RACM, only payment for RACM is required. Projects may elect to notify and treat ACM as RACM to avoid re-notification should ACM become RACM.

For additional information regarding asbestos-related fees, refer to District Rule 302 - Section (E).

Submission

By mail or in person to:

MDAQMD
14306 Park Ave.
Victorville, CA 92392

Email: asbestos@mdaqmd.ca.gov

Compliance

MDAQMD may conduct a site visit to ensure that projects have properly notified and that correct abatement techniques are being followed. Projects may be required to keep / provide compliance documentation and may have to complete daily logs.

Additional Information

Survey Requirement: Asbestos Surveys are required prior to renovation and demolition. A new survey may be required for surveys that are more than two years old or if any renovation work has been completed since the survey was conducted. Asbestos must be removed prior to activities that may disturb it. All asbestos must be removed prior to demolition.

Revisions: Update the notification(s) as necessary, highlight each revision made on the notification, and submit it to the District.

Demolition is the wrecking or taking out of a load-supporting structural member of a facility, or the intentional burning of a structure. Demolitions require a prior asbestos Survey and asbestos removal. All structural Demolitions with or without asbestos require Notification. Dismantling of partitions and installation of windows and doors through load-supporting walls without asbestos requires a checklist.

Demolition by Intentional Burning: Demolition by fire requires a prior asbestos Survey, an asbestos Notification if applicable, and submittal of a Training Burn Notification to the District.

Renovation is the removal, stripping, or altering of asbestos containing materials, and/or any activity involving the associated disturbance of asbestos in a facility. Renovations require an asbestos Survey, Notification(s) and removal prior to and activity that would disturb the asbestos. Remodeling or renovations without asbestos require a checklist.

Asbestos Brochure

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Asbestos?

What are the health hazards of Asbestos?

What is a facility?

Do demolitions of facilities in which no asbestos is present require notification?

Demolition of one or more houses as part of an urban renewal project, a highway project, or a project to develop a shopping mall, industrial facility, or other private development is subject to the NESHAP.

Who is responsible for submitting notification?

Which date do I use to determine whether I've met the 10-day waiting period?

When do I submit a revised notification?

Does an inspector have the right to enter any facility and the containment area?

Is visible asbestos-containing debris on the ground outside a removal job considered a "visible emission," and a violation of the NESHAP?

What will happen if I violate the Asbestos NESHAP?

Are there any exemptions to submitting a checklist?

For more commonly asked questions see: [Common Questions on the Asbestos NESHAP](#)

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