# ASBESTOS REGULATION IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Cancer-causing asbestos fibers can be emitted into the air from demolition and renovation projects. Valley Air District Rule 4002 follows the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), an EPA regulation that addresses asbestos and several other hazardous air pollutants. It covers several activities that could potentially cause the release of asbestos fibers into the air, including demolition and renovation projects.

#### **VALLEY AIR QUALITY**

Despite years of air quality improvements, the San Joaquin Valley air basin fails to meet state and federal health-based standards. To protect public health, the Valley Air District has stringent control measures, such as prohibiting the release of asbestos fibers into the air.

## For more information, visit <u>valleyair.org</u> or contact the nearest District office.



#### **Northern Region**

Serving San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced counties 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, CA 95356-8718 Tel: 209-557-6400 FAX: 209-557-6475 Complaint Line: 1-800-281-7003

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## Notification, inspection and emission control requirements for asbestos

### **Asbestos Regulation Requirements**

#### Inspection

NESHAP requires that a thorough inspection for asbestos be conducted before any regulated facility is demolished or renovated. Inspections must include the collection and microscopic analysis of samples of all materials that might contain asbestos.

Consultants
who perform
inspections must
be certified by the
California Office
of Environmental
Health Hazard



Assessment (Cal-OSHA) and provide a written report containing the inspection results.

#### **Notification**

A written notification to the District is required for the following:

- Any regulated demolition, whether or not asbestos is present.
- Any regulated renovation in which the following will be disturbed:
  - 160 square feet or more of regulated asbestoscontaining materials or,
  - 260 linear feet or more of regulated asbestoscontaining pipe insulation.

Before the project begins, submit an Asbestos Notification form, available on the district's website, along with any applicable fees at least 10 working days in advance.

## Handling Materials That Contain Asbestos

#### **Emission Controls**

NESHAP requires that regulated asbestos-containing materials be removed under controlled conditions prior to demolitions or renovations so that asbestos fibers are not released into the air.

Cal-OSHA requires that employees be trained before removing asbestos-containing materials. Contractors with specialized asbestos training and who are registered with Cal-OSHA must be utilized for asbestos removal projects.

Contractors without specialized asbestos training must ensure that the job site is free of asbestos-containing materials before starting renovation or demolition work.

#### **Waste Disposal**



The NESHAP requires that asbestos-containing waste materials be sealed in leak-tight, properly labeled containers and disposed of only at approved sites.

# Demolition Permit Release Form Required

A building official must receive a Demolition Permit Release Form from the District before a demolition permit may be issued. The form certifies that the project complies with NESHAP requirements.



#### **Fees**

Fees are required for asbestos notifications. Additional fees for asbestos removal activities are based on the amount of material to be removed from the location.

#### **Penalties**

Penalties for NESHAP regulation violations range from \$500 to \$50,000 per violation, per day.

#### **Questions**

For additional information, please visit the District's website or call the nearest District office.