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Abstract:

Q. Would EPA consider giving municipalities the ability to demolish houses without the need to inspect for and remove asbestos?

A. EPA referred the municipality to published guidance on the demolition and renovation of residential buildings in the July 28, 1995 Federal Register.

Letter:

Honorable Patrick J. Ungaro
Mayor of Youngstown
City Hall
Youngstown, OH 44503

Dear Mayor Ungaro:

This is in response to your July 11, 1995, letter to Administrator Carol Browner requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) consider giving municipalities the ability to tear down houses without the need for asbestos inspection and removal.

Tom Ripp from the Office of Compliance telephoned you describing the guidance addressing demolitions and renovations of residential buildings that EPA published in the July 28, 1995 Federal Register. You indicated that information was sufficient, and that a formal written response to your letter was no longer necessary.

I appreciate this opportunity to be of service to you. If you have any further questions about the asbestos regulations as they apply to the demolition of residential buildings, please contact Tom Ripp at (202) 564-7003.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Herman