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Abstract:

The asbestos NESHAP applies to waste from demolitions and renovations but does not apply to waste handling and disposal associated with the collection of bulk asbestos samples.

Letter:

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Thomas D. Straits, Consultant
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Re: Asbestos-Contaminated Sampling Waste

Dear Mr. Straits:

Thank you for your March 13, 1985, letter asking if any Federal regulations apply to the collection of bulk asbestos samples or to the handling of associated waste, primarily plastic sheeting and paper towels.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has two regulations that pertain to asbestos. One covers friable asbestos-materials in schools and is found in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 763 (40 CFR Part 763). It includes sampling requirements, but does not regulate any associated waste handling or disposal.

The other U.S. EPA regulation is the asbestos National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), 40 CFR Part 61. It applies to, among other things, friable asbestos-containing waste from demolition and renovation operations, but does not apply to waste handling and disposal associated with the collection of bulk asbestos samples. The asbestos NESHAP does not contain any sampling requirements. However, sampling may be necessary to determine if suspect friable material is asbestos, making its removal subject to the standard.

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of the Federal asbestos-in-schools regulation and the asbestos NESHAPS. Our Region's asbestos coordinator is Tony Restaino (mail code ___-___; telephone (312) 966-6679, and our regional asbestos NESHAP coordinator is Bruce Varner 6AC-26-1; (312) 886-6791.

You will need to contact the States in our Region to find out if any have imposed requirements on sampling material likely to contain asbestos and/or on the disposal of asbestos-contamination sampling waste. To assist you, I have enclosed the names and addresses of both the State asbestos coordinators and the State asbestos NESHAPS coordinators.

Sincerely yours,

Valdas V. Adamkus
Regional Administrator
Enclosures

bcc: ORA w/copy of reply and control slip
Restaino (5S-P&TSB-16) w/copy of enclosures
Bianchin - w/copy of enclosures
Geisler - w/copy of control slip - ORA-93
Taylor - w/copy of control slip - ORA-93

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