Chapter 27: Asbestos

Quick Start Summary

Who needs to know about these requirements

The requirements of Asbestos apply to workers performing asbestos work, supervisors, asbestos abatement subcontractors, field construction managers, Field Services representatives, building and area managers, and the program manager; and Waste Management and the Building Inspection Office. Asbestos work includes any work performed on buildings with asbestos containing material (ACM), on vehicle brakes, or on asbestos-containing floor tiles. It also includes entry into areas where work is being done. The requirement to report worn floor tiles applies to all workers at SLAC.

Why

Inhaling high levels of asbestos fibers is known to cause asbestosis, lung cancer, and mesothelioma. When ACM is disturbed as a result of construction, maintenance, normal wear and tear, or abatement, asbestos fibers may become airborne. Asbestos fibers may also become airborne when released from deteriorating or damaged ACM.

What do I need to know

ACM known to be present in buildings is identified by signs near the entrances. Any work on ACM must be evaluated by the asbestos program manager and must be conducted only with all required controls in place, which include completing training, wearing personal protective equipment, ensuring no asbestos fibers become airborne, and contacting Waste Management to dispose of ACM. Worn asbestos-containing floor tiles must be reported to the building or area manager. Demolitions or renovations of buildings must be reviewed by the asbestos program manager.

When

These requirements take effect 25 February 2014.

Where do I find more information

SLAC Environment, Safety, and Health Manual (SLAC-I-720-0A29Z-001)

- Chapter 27, “Asbestos”

Or contact the program manager.