



Advisory

ASBESTOS NESHAP REGULATION

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Asbestos NESHAP Advisory for Demolitions and Renovations

The California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Enforcement Division is responsible for enforcing the Asbestos National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) regulation under Title 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M, implemented by the Health and Safety Code Section 39658(b)(1) for the 16 California non-delegated air districts. A copy of the regulation can be downloaded at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/asbcfr.htm>

CARB assists the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in enforcing the Asbestos NESHAP. CARB staff conducts inspections, investigates complaints, collects asbestos samples, issues notice of violations and collects demolition/renovation data from the non-delegated air districts. See map at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/asbestos/asbmap.htm>

The Asbestos NESHAP requires that a thorough inspection of the facility, by an accredited inspector, be conducted for all renovations and all demolitions.

The Asbestos NESHAP regulations must be followed, in the non-delegated air districts, for all demolition/renovation of facilities with at least: 260 linear feet of regulated asbestos-containing materials (RACM) on pipes, or at least 160 square feet of RACM on other facility components, or 35 cubic feet on facility components where the amount of RACM previously removed from pipes and other facility components could not be measured before stripping.

A written notification is required to USEPA and CARB at least 10 working days prior to demolition/renovation activities that are located in non-delegated air districts. Instructions and notification forms can be downloaded [at http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/asbestos/asbestosform.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/asbestos/asbestosform.htm)

Failure to meet these requirements by the owner or operator will result in the issuance of a Notice of Violation to owner or operator that may result in monetary penalties, or in serious cases, in civil or criminal prosecution. The maximum penalty is \$50,000 per day per violation.

For questions regarding this advisory, please contact Ahmad Najjar at 916-322-6036. You may also view this advisory and all other Enforcement Advisories at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/advs/advlist.htm>

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