



ASBESTOS

Is there a release of a Regulated Asbestos-Containing Material (RACM) when you demolish or renovate a facility? If the combined amount of RACM (i.e., a material that contains greater than one percent asbestos) in the facility is at least 260 linear feet of pipe, 160 square feet of other facility components, or 35 cubic feet of facility components when the length or area cannot be measured, the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for asbestos has to be met. The asbestos NESHAP is a work place standard established under the CAA. It requires, among other things, that EPA be notified when a facility is demolished if the facility contains any combined amount of an RACM. When a facility is renovated, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has to be notified only if the renovated facility contains the above combined amount of RACM.

Asbestos also is a hazardous substance when it is in a form that can be reduced to dust by hand pressure (i.e., it is friable). If friable asbestos is present at your construction site, you may be subject to requirements under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulations require the use of accredited personnel and air clearance monitoring for renovation projects in school buildings.