



Compliance Advisory

Asbestos Survey Requirements for Remediation Clean Up from Recent Flooding

Asbestos Surveys are Required before Building Clean ups, Demolitions and Renovations

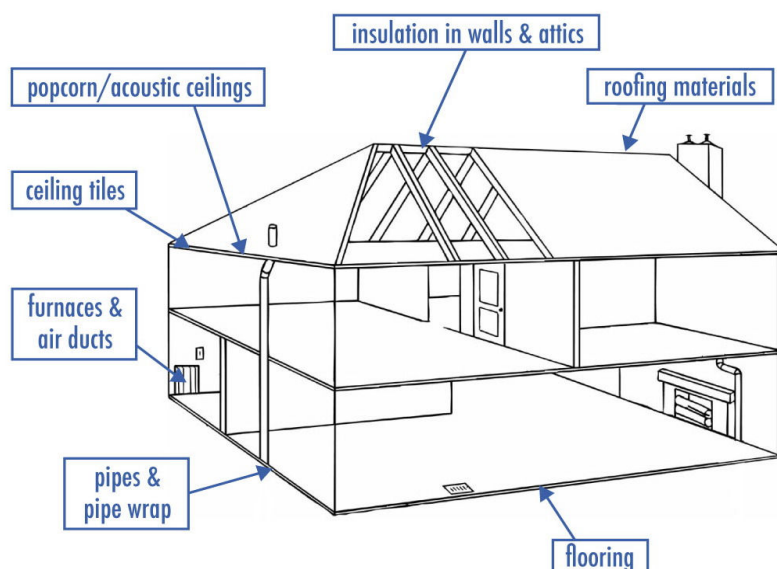
The Code of Federal Regulations contains a section covering several hazardous substances. These are referred to as the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants or **NESHAP**. One section of the NESHAP is devoted to **ASBESTOS** and has been adopted in our **District Rule 424**. The regulation covers asbestos **renovations, demolitions, and includes cleanup and replacement of building materials damaged during flooding**. The intent is to eliminate asbestos fiber releases from these activities. All commercial and many residential buildings are covered by this regulation which requires **asbestos testing before any clean up, renovation or demolition work begins**. Please assure your insurance company and contractor are following these requirements before conducting cleanups or renovations for damages caused by recent flooding.

Significant Penalties Exist for Violations of Asbestos Rules and Regulations.

Regulated facilities disturbing more than 160 sq. ft. of building materials during a renovation or cleanup project, must survey the affected areas for asbestos. Current environmental law, including NESHAP and Cal/OSHA, require these asbestos surveys for compliance and personal protection. Contractors and building owners conducting these activities must assure asbestos surveys have been conducted by licensed consultants before disturbing materials that might contain asbestos.

Failure to comply with these regulations could result in significant penalties.

Asbestos materials can be present in almost any building



Asbestos containing materials can be found in **flooring, wall textures, ceilings, roofing, exterior siding, and insulating materials** found in attics or heating system components.

Testing for Asbestos will help to:

- **Protect people's health**
- **Assure regulatory compliance**
- **Limit legal liability**

Please call the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District at 831-647-9411 or visit our website at mbuapcd.org for more information.