



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3710.01 Asbestos abatement definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

(A) "Asbestos" means the asbestiform varieties of serpentine (chrysotile), riebeckite (crocidolite), cummingtonite-grunerite, anthophyllite, and actinolite-tremolite as determined using the method specified in 40 C.F.R. Part 763, Subpart E, Appendix E, Section 1, Polarized Light Microscopy (PLM).

(B) "Asbestos hazard abatement activity" means any activity involving the removal, renovation, enclosure, repair, encapsulation, or operations and maintenance of reasonably related friable asbestos-containing materials in an amount greater than three linear feet or three square feet.

(C) "Asbestos hazard abatement contractor" means a business entity or public entity that engages in or intends to engage in asbestos hazard abatement projects and that employs or supervises one or more asbestos hazard abatement specialists for asbestos hazard abatement activities. "Asbestos hazard abatement contractor" does not mean an employee of an asbestos hazard abatement contractor, a general contractor who subcontracts to an asbestos hazard abatement contractor an asbestos hazard abatement project, or any individual who engages in an asbestos hazard abatement project in the individual's own home.

(D) "Asbestos hazard abatement project" means one or more asbestos hazard abatement activities the sum total of which is greater than fifty linear feet or fifty square feet of friable asbestos-containing materials and is conducted by one asbestos hazard abatement contractor. "Asbestos hazard abatement project" includes any such activity involving such friable asbestos-containing materials in an amount of fifty linear feet or fifty square feet or less if, when combined with any other reasonably related activity in terms of time or location of the activity, the total amount is in an amount greater than fifty linear feet or fifty square feet.

(E) "Asbestos hazard abatement specialist" means a person with responsibility for the oversight or



supervision of asbestos hazard abatement activities, including asbestos hazard abatement project managers, hazard abatement project supervisors and foremen, and employees of school districts or other governmental or public entities who coordinate or directly supervise or oversee asbestos hazard abatement activities performed by school district, governmental, or other public employees in school district, governmental, or other public buildings.

(F) "Asbestos hazard evaluation specialist" means a person responsible for the inspection, identification, detection, and assessment of asbestos-containing materials or suspect asbestos-containing materials, the determination of appropriate response actions, or the preparation of asbestos management plans for the purpose of protecting the public health from the hazards associated with exposure to asbestos, including the performance of air and bulk sampling. This category of specialists includes inspectors, management planners, health professionals, industrial hygienists, private consultants, or other individuals involved in asbestos risk identification or assessment or regulatory activities.

(G) "Business entity" means a partnership, firm, association, corporation, sole proprietorship, or other business concern.

(H) "Public entity" means the state or any of its political subdivisions or any agency or instrumentality of either.

(I) "License" means a document issued by the director of environmental protection to a business entity or public entity affirming that the entity has met the requirements set forth in this chapter to engage in asbestos hazard abatement projects as an asbestos hazard abatement contractor.

(J) "Certificate" means:

(1) A document issued by the director to an individual affirming that the individual has successfully completed the training and other requirements set forth in this chapter to qualify as an asbestos hazard abatement specialist, an asbestos hazard evaluation specialist, an asbestos hazard abatement worker, an asbestos hazard abatement project designer, an asbestos hazard abatement air-monitoring technician, an approved asbestos hazard training provider, or other category of asbestos hazard specialist that the director establishes by rule; or



(2) A document issued by a training institution in accordance with rules adopted by the director affirming that an individual has successfully completed the instruction required in all categories as provided in sections 3710.07 and 3710.10 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Person" means any individual, business entity, governmental body, or other public or private entity.

(L) "Encapsulate" means to coat, bind, or resurface walls, ceilings, pipes, or other structures for asbestos-containing materials with suitable products to prevent friable asbestos from becoming airborne.

(M) "Friable asbestos-containing material" means friable asbestos material as defined in rules adopted under Chapter 3704. of the Revised Code.

(N) "Enclosure" means the permanent confinement of friable asbestos-containing materials with an airtight barrier in an area not used as an air plenum.

(O) "Renovation" means altering a facility or one or more facility components in any way, including the stripping or removal of friable asbestos-containing material from a facility component.

(P) "Asbestos hazard abatement worker" means the person responsible in a nonsupervisory capacity for the performance of an asbestos hazard abatement activity.

(Q) "Asbestos hazard abatement project designer" means the person responsible for the oversight of an asbestos hazard abatement activity or the determination of the workscope, work sequence, or performance standards for an asbestos hazard abatement activity, including preparation of specifications, plans, and contract documents.

(R) "Clearance air sampling" means an air sampling performed after the completion of any asbestos hazard abatement project and prior to the reoccupation of the contained work area by the public and conducted for the purpose of protecting the public from the health hazards associated with exposure to friable asbestos-containing material.



(S) "Asbestos hazard abatement air-monitoring technician" means the person who is responsible for environmental monitoring or work area clearance air sampling, including air monitoring performed to determine completion of response actions under the rules set forth in 40 C.F.R. 763 Subpart E, adopted by the United States environmental protection agency pursuant to the "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986," Pub. L. 99-519, 100 Stat. 2970. "Asbestos hazard abatement air-monitoring technician" does not mean an industrial hygienist certified by the American board of industrial hygiene.