

Information Sheet : Asbestos Abatement Projects

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Middle Country Central School District has been maintaining an asbestos management plan (AMP) for all asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) within their K-12 school buildings since 1988. Prior to any planned building improvement or repair project this AMP is referenced to determine if any ACBM will be impacted by the proposed work.

When it is determined that an ACBM may be impacted, when possible, the work is postponed for a vacation period. However, there are times when this is not possible.

Regardless of when the abatement is performed, the removal work plan is prepared by a certified asbestos designer in strict accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA-40 CFR Part 763) and New York State Industrial Code Rule 56.

Based upon the type and quantity of the ACBM being removed appropriate engineering controls are designed to minimize the potential of any release of asbestos fibers into the school building. This may include, but is not limited to, various levels of engineering controls such as decontamination units, isolation and critical barriers, high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) equipped negative filtration units and the use of airless sprayers, amended water and HEPA equipped vacuums.

All asbestos work is performed by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor by certified asbestos workers (handlers). Each abatement project is assigned a certified asbestos supervisor who is responsible for the performance of the workers and to ensure the work is performed in accordance with the work plan or specifications prepared by the asbestos project designer.

The school district also retains the services of an independent third-party monitor, who as a quality assurance agent on behalf of the school district, monitors the abatement contractors progress and performs air sampling throughout the abatement project. The project and air monitoring are performed by a licensed consulting firm utilizing appropriately certified consultants.



The collected air samples are then delivered to an independent licensed environmental laboratory for analysis. The abatement project will not be considered complete until after a satisfactory visual inspection and final air clearance of the abatement work area is performed by the district's third-party monitor.

Based upon the size and type of ACBM materials being removed an appropriate notification is sent to the New York State Department of Labor and/or the United States Environmental Protection Agency. These agencies may send inspectors to observe the abatement project to ensure the work is performed in accordance with their applicable regulations.

Specific details pertaining to the type, location and quantity of ACBM being removed and the names and contact information of the asbestos contractor, third party monitor and environmental laboratory will all be included on a building notification, which will be posted on the main entrance to the school building prior to the start of the abatement project.

For project specific information and additional coordination needs please contact the Buildings & Grounds Department.