



ADVISORY

**SUBJECT: New Standardized Asbestos
Survey Form and Directions**

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL ASBESTOS CONSULTANTS, SITE
SURVEILLANCE TECHNICIANS AND NESHAP BUILDING INSPECTORS**

**Purpose
of this
advisory**

The purpose of this advisory is to notify the asbestos consultant community that the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) has developed a form to standardize all asbestos surveys submitted to SMAQMD after July 1, 2010. The form and instructions will be placed on the SMAQMD's website for the consulting community to use when conducting an asbestos survey in Sacramento County. This standard survey form must be used for all asbestos surveys conducted in Sacramento County.

Background

SMAQMD Rule 902 and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) CFR 61, Part M, Asbestos, require that an asbestos inspection be conducted prior to the renovation or demolition of any facility subject to these regulations.

Although the Asbestos NESHAP and Rule 902 both require an asbestos survey, asbestos regulations historically have established very minimal requirements for the contents of the survey. Many surveys received by the SMAQMD have been limited in scope or inaccurate. The standardized survey form was designed in an effort to increase compliance with the US EPA Asbestos NESHAP and SMAQMD Rule 902 survey requirements. It is written in a format that will benefit building owners, maintenance staff, general contractors, abatement contractors, asbestos consultants, and regulatory agencies involved in survey review, asbestos removal, and job oversight activities.

**Who needs
this
information**

This advisory is intended for Certified Asbestos Consultants, Site Surveillance Technicians, and NESHAP Building Inspectors.

**General
Summary**

The presence or absence of asbestos cannot be determined without an asbestos survey. A properly conducted survey should provide the owner and operator(s) with the location, content, and amounts of regulated and unregulated asbestos-containing materials prior to a renovation or demolition. The information a survey provides is invaluable to the owner(s) and operator(s) conducting maintenance, renovation and demolition work.

**For More
Information**

To view the new standardized survey form, please visit airquality.org and navigate to **programs/asbestos**. You may also call the SMAQMD asbestos consultation line at (916) 874-4800 for assistance with any asbestos requirements.

