



## Compliance Assistance Advisory

Advisory # 2025-02

Subject: Point Counting Asbestos Materials

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### Important Reminder to Certified Asbestos Consultants (CAC) and Site Surveillance Technicians (SST)

This is an important reminder to anyone who prepares Asbestos Surveys. Sac Metro Air District (District) Rule 902, *Asbestos*, requires that asbestos surveys showing less than 10% asbestos content be verified using the point counting method in accordance with 40 CFR Part 763, Polarized Light Microscopy.

Recently, the District received many asbestos surveys that were submitted without point-counting analysis. This analysis is critical as it:

- Enhances accuracy in reporting asbestos content.
- Reduces project costs associated with project notification, abatement, and disposal when materials are confirmed to contain less than 1% asbestos.

### CACs, SSTs, and EPA Building Inspectors must:

1. Inform clients of this requirement.
2. Document this discussion with clients in the survey report.

If clients decline point counting, **all jurisdictional quantities** of asbestos-containing materials impacted by the project must be included in the abatement notification to the District.

Failure to meet these requirements will result in the rejection of your survey and the issuance of a violation under District Rules, which may include associated penalties.

### More Information

For general Asbestos Program requirements, please visit [www.airquality.org/Businesses/Asbestos](http://www.airquality.org/Businesses/Asbestos). For more specific details on this notice, please call (207) 279-1122 (Option 6) or email [asbestos@airquality.org](mailto:asbestos@airquality.org).

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