



Compliance Assistance ADVISORY

SUBJECT: Asbestos Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Construction, Grading, Quarrying, and Surface Mining Operations

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS LOCATED IN EASTERN SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) has been made aware of the presence of naturally-occurring asbestos (NOA) in the Empire Ranch area of Folsom. NOA was found in the Copper Hills Volcanic unit, a geologic unit mapped in the *Geologic Map of the Sacramento Quadrangle*, published by the California Department of Conservation (CDC). After the discovery of NOA in Folsom, CDC staff informed the SMAQMD that there also is potential for NOA to be discovered in the Gopher Ridge Volcanic unit. Both of these geologic units are found in portions of eastern Sacramento County.

Based on the recent findings of NOA and further information from the CDC, the SMAQMD recommends that all earth moving activities in areas located in the above two geologic units implement the requirements of Section 93105 of the California Code of Regulations, *Asbestos Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Construction, Grading, Quarrying, and Surface Mining Operations*. Complete text of this regulation can be found at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/atcm/asb2atcm.htm>.

The ATCM requires specific testing, notification and engineering controls prior to grading, paving or construction in zones where NOA is located on projects of any size. There are additional engineering controls at work sites greater than one acre. The requirements of the ATCM also apply when NOA, serpentine, or ultramafic rock is discovered after the start of any construction, grading, or quarrying.

Property may be considered exempt from the requirements of the ATCM if a geologic evaluation has been conducted by a registered geologist who makes the determination that asbestos does not exist in the area to be disturbed. This determination must be made in writing and submitted to the SMAQMD.

Dust from earth moving activities and track out of dirt to public roads will be monitored by SMAQMD at sites where the ATCM applies. Failure to comply with the dust control requirements of the ATCM can result in civil or criminal penalties as specified in California Health and Safety Code Sections 42400-42402. If you have any questions regarding this information, you may contact the SMAQMD Asbestos Unit at 874-4800.

