## ASBESTOS PROJECTS: DO YOU KNOW WHO TO NOTIFY?

Use this tool to figure out whether you're required to notify the Department of Health Services (DHS) or the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Key terms are linked to their definitions and also printed on page 2. This tool does not include local requirements, which vary. Call DHS at 608-261-6876 for help.







**1. "Asbestos-containing material"** or "**ACM" from DHS 159 means:** a material or product that contains more than 1% of asbestos, as determined using the method specified in 40 CFR Part 763, Appendix E to Subpart E, Section I, "Polarized Light Microscopy," and a material meeting the definition of suspect asbestos-containing material. Note: In Appendix E to Subpart E, 40 CFR Part 763, Section I, EPA describes the acceptable method of identifying asbestos-containing materials, which uses polarized light microscopy (PLM). If the asbestos content of friable asbestos-containing material is less than 10%, as determined by a method other than point counting by PLM, EPA requires the asbestos content to be verified by point counting using PLM.

**2. "Demolition**" from NR 447 means: the wrecking or taking out of any load-supporting structural member of a facility together with any related handling operations or the intentional burning of any facility.

**3. "Facility" from NR 447 means:** any institutional, commercial, public, industrial or residential structure, installation or building, including any structure, installation or building containing condominiums or individual dwelling units operated as a residential cooperative, but excluding residential buildings having 4 or fewer dwelling units; any ship; and any active or inactive waste disposal site. For purposes of this definition, any building, structure or installation that contains a loft used as a dwelling is not considered a residential structure, installation or building. Any structure, installation or building that was previously subject to this chapter is not excluded, regardless of its current use or function.

**4. "Friable asbestos material" from NR 447 means:** any material containing more than 1% asbestos as determined using the method specified in Appendix E to Subpart E, 40 CFR part 763, section 1, "Polarized Light Microscopy," incorporated by reference in s. NR 484.04 (28), that, when dry, can be crumbled, pulverized or reduced to powder by hand pressure. If the asbestos content of the friable ACM is less than 10%, as determined by a method other than point counting by polarized light microscopy (PLM), the asbestos content shall be verified by point counting using PLM.

## 5. "Regulated asbestos-containing material" or "RACM" from NR 447 means:

- (a) Friable asbestos material;
- (b) Category I nonfriable ACM that has become friable;

(c) Category I nonfriable ACM that will be or has been subjected to sanding, grinding, cutting or abrading; or

(d) Category II nonfriable ACM that has a high probability of becoming or has become crumbled, pulverized or reduced to powder by the forces expected to act on the material in the course of demolition or renovation operations regulated by this chapter.

Please call 608-261-6876 if you need help notifying DHS of your asbestos project.