

Proposed Rule Changes for SWCAA 476 Standards for Asbestos Control, Demolition and Renovation

In order to protect public health, the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) regulates the emissions from the removal or disturbance of asbestos-containing materials. SWCAA 476 “Standards for Asbestos Control, Demolition, and Renovation” applies to demolition and renovation activities, the removal of asbestos-containing materials, and the storage, transport and disposal of asbestos-containing materials.

SWCAA is proposing changes to SWCAA 476 which would do the following:

SWCAA 476-030

Add additional definitions.

Clarify and update existing definitions

SWCAA 476-040

Add asbestos inspection procedures, including sampling procedures and analysis requirements. Alternate inspection and sampling procedures (*e.g.* fire damaged structures) are also added.

Add asbestos inspection reporting requirements to require detailed inspection information, as well as details of the confirmed asbestos-containing materials identified.

Clarify and update existing language.

SWCAA 476-050

Reduce the notification period from 10 business days to 10 calendar days for both the Notice of Intent to Remove Asbestos and Notification of Demolition.

Add abandoned asbestos-containing materials procedures.

Add State of Emergency procedures during storms, floods, or other disasters.

Clarify and update existing language.

SWCAA 476-060

Add a provision to store asbestos-containing materials in a leak tight container.

Clarify and update existing language.

SWCAA 476-070

Add waste tracking requirements for the disposal of any asbestos-containing waste materials.

Clarify and update existing language.

SWCAA 476-080

Increase the notification period for fire training burns from 5 calendar days to 10 calendar days.

Clarify and update existing language.

An electronic version of the proposed rule can be viewed on the SWCAA website at www.swcleanair.org/regs/proposedrules.asp and physical copies can be viewed at the SWCAA

office located at 11815 NE 99th Street, Suite 1294 in Vancouver, Washington during business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Phone (360) 574-3058.

The public comment period for the proposed rule change will begin on April 4th and close on May 4th. Comments can be submitted in writing, prior to the close date, to the above address or emailed to Gerald Strawn at gerry@swcleanair.org. A public hearing will be held on the proposed rules during SWCAA's May 3rd Board meeting in SWCAA's conference room at 3pm. The proposed rules will be considered for adoption by the Board at their June 7th meeting.