

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) asbestos regulations that may be applicable to your project.

The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Asbestos in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 61, specifies notification and work practice requirements for demolitions and renovation activities at regulated facilities.

Definitions:

1. **Demolition:** 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 a facility.
2. **Renovation:** means altering a facility or one or more facility components in any way, including the stripping or removal of regulated asbestos containing materials (RACM) from any part of a facility including equipment.
3. **Facility:** 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 four or fewer dwelling units); any ship; and any active or inactive waste disposal site.
4. **RACM:** is material, containing more than 1% asbestos, that when dry, is or may become able to be crumbled, pulverized or reduced to powder by hand pressure.

Notification Requirements for Demolition/Renovation Activities

Written notification is required to be submitted to the Palm Beach County Health Department (PBCHD) ten (10) working days prior to the commencement of any facility demolition or regulated renovation activity

All facility demolitions (even those without asbestos) require notice.

Notice is also required for facility renovations impacting 260 linear ft. of RACM on pipes or 160 sq. ft. on other components (35 cu. ft. if measurements not possible).

A complete Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Notice of Asbestos Renovation or Demolition Form 62-257.900(1) and a copy of the inspection report (asbestos survey conducted by a licensed Asbestos Consultant) shall be mailed to the PBCHD at:

P.O. Box 29
West Palm Beach, FL 33402

The Notice of Asbestos Renovation or Demolition Form can be downloaded at:
http://www.pbchd.com/env/airqual/asbestos/env_asbestos.html

NOTE: Meeting the requirements of your City's or County's Building Department to obtain a demolition or renovation permit does not satisfy the NESHAP notification requirement.

Who is responsible for compliance?

The asbestos regulations apply to property owner or operator of a facility demolition or renovation activity. This includes any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the facility being demolished or renovated or any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the demolition or renovation operation, or both.



Florida regulations require asbestos removal work to be conducted by a licensed asbestos contractor.

What are the costs of non-compliance?

Failure to comply with notification requirements and or work practice standards established by the asbestos rule can result in civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per day, per violation.