

# ALL ABOUT ASBESTOS: REGULATION REQUIREMENTS, HANDLING, AND DISPOSAL

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Link to EPA Contacts and NESHAP Regulations

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ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION AND  
REMEDATION



Clean Air Act



Air Toxics Regulations  
Section 112 of CAA



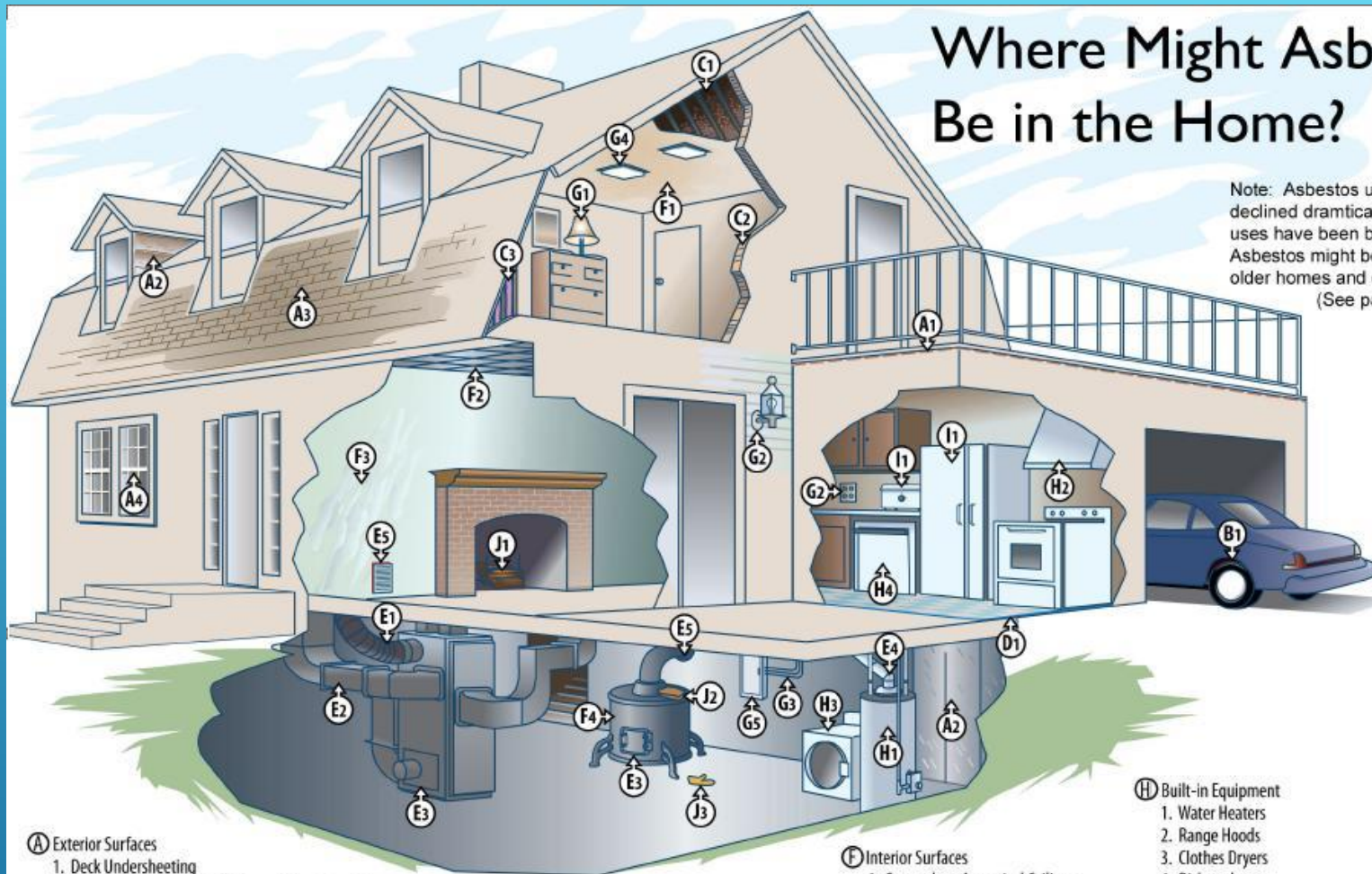
Asbestos NESHAP  
40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M

# EPA'S ASBESTOS REGULATIONS



# Where Might Asbestos Be in the Home?

Note: Asbestos usage has declined dramatically; some uses have been banned. Asbestos might be found in older homes and certain products. (See page 5)



## A Exterior Surfaces

1. Deck Undersheeting
2. Cement Asbestos Board Siding and Undersheeting
3. Roof Felt and Shingles
4. Window Putty

## B Automobiles

1. Brake Linings, Clutch Facings, and Gaskets

## C Insulation

1. Vermiculite Attic Insulation
2. Batt Insulation
3. Vermiculite Wall Insulation

## D Flooring

1. Vinyl Asbestos Sheets, Tiles, and Undersheeting

## E Boilers, Heaters and Piping

1. Heat Source Covering
2. Air Duct Lining
3. Door and Cover Gaskets
4. Pipe Lagging
5. Wall Gaskets and Lining

## F Interior Surfaces

1. Sprayed-on Acoustical Ceilings
2. Acoustical Tiles
3. Textured Paint
4. Heat Reflectors (Woodstoves)

## G Electrical Equipment

1. Lamp Sockets
2. Outlet and Switchboxes
3. Insulation on Knob and Tube Wiring
4. Recessed Lighting
5. Main Panel and Fuse Boxes

## H Built-in Equipment

1. Water Heaters
2. Range Hoods
3. Clothes Dryers
4. Dishwashers

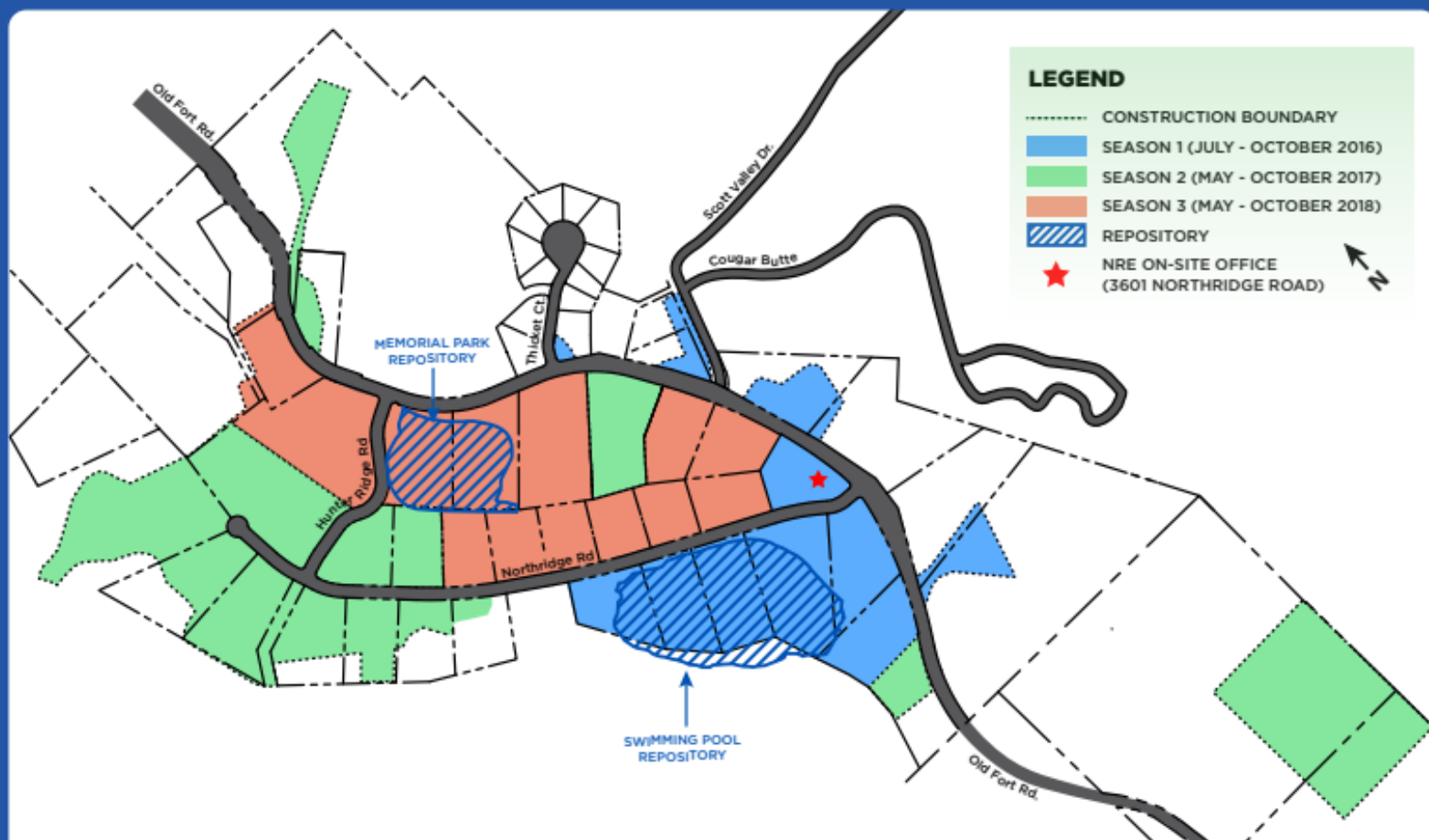
## I Appliances

1. Refrigerators, Freezers, Portable Dishwashers, Toasters, Slow-cookers, Ovens, Hair Dryers (not shown) and Portable Heaters (not shown)

## J Miscellaneous

1. Fireplace Logs
2. Asbestos Hot Pads
3. Asbestos Gloves





*This map shows the anticipated sequence for property excavation each season.  
Work occurring at unoccupied properties is subject to change.*

HOME CAN BE AT A SUPERFUND SITE  
(KLAMATH FALLS, OR)







HOME DEMOLITIONS AND  
RENOVATIONS CAN DISTURB  
ASBESTOS (EPA REGS MAY APPLY)



# WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

- ▶ A naturally occurring mineral.
- ▶ Used in many building materials.
- ▶ Breaks up into very fine fibers.
- ▶ A known human carcinogen.





- ▶ About 3,500 materials are known to contain asbestos.
- ▶ Some products may *still* contain asbestos (most uses are *not* banned).
- ▶ Common examples: pipe insulation, ceiling texture, roofing asphalt, floor tile, cement pipes...

# ASBESTOS CONTAINING BUILDING MATERIALS



## AIR CELL INSULATION (PAPER)



## PIPE ELBOWS



## ASBESTOS EXAMPLES



CEMENT BOARDS  
(UNDER TANK)



CEMENT BOARDS (ON  
BUILDING)



## ASBESTOS EXAMPLES





## MOLDED PIPE INSULATION



## TEXTURED PAINT



## ASBESTOS EXAMPLES



SPRAYED ON DRYWALL



ON CEILINGS



ASBESTOS EXAMPLES





# EPA REGULATES

- ▶ “Facilities” undergoing:
  - ▶ All Demolitions
  - ▶ Renovations that
    - ▶ Exceed regulatory thresholds
    - ▶ Disturb “friable” materials

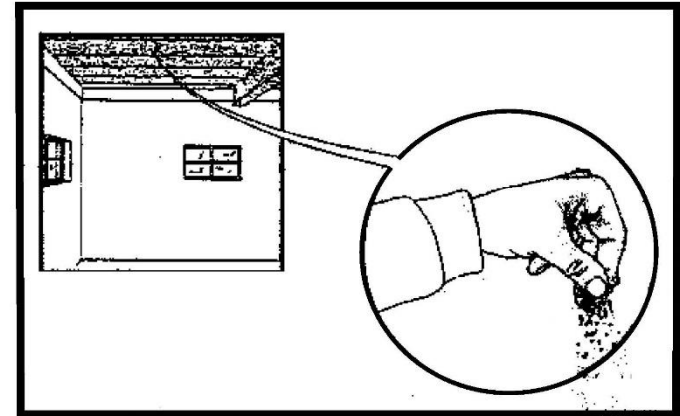


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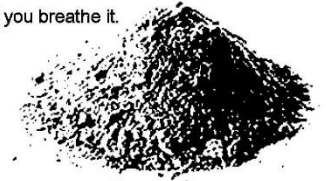
*Facility* means

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**.





Asbestos, when in a dry form which can be crumbled into dust is called "FRIABLE".  
Friable asbestos is dangerous when it is in the air and you breathe it.



# EPA REGULATES: RENOVATIONS W/ "FRIABLE" ASBESTOS





# EPA REGULATES: **PLANNED DEMOLITIONS**





STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND  
BUILDINGS  
- SURVEY & ABATEMENT WAIVED





# EPA'S REGULATIONS – THE WAY IT SHOULD WORK

- ▶ For Renovations and Demolitions:
  - ▶ Survey
  - ▶ Notification
  - ▶ Keeping It Wet
  - ▶ Handling It Carefully
  - ▶ Storing Waste
  - ▶ Transporting It
  - ▶ Disposing It
  - ▶ Confirming Disposal



# ASBESTOS SURVEYS

- ▶ An inspection must be conducted by the building owner or operator before a demolition or renovation begins.
- ▶ Inspector certification required
  - ▶ The AHERA “Asbestos Building Inspector” Certification.
  - ▶ 24 Hour Course, Annual Refresher



# NOTIFICATION DETAILS

- ▶ Project Location
- ▶ Building Description
- ▶ How Much Asbestos is There?
- ▶ Starting/Ending Dates?
- ▶ Contractor Name
- ▶ Waste Hauler
- ▶ Landfill Location





KEEPING IT WET  
KEEP WASTE "ADEQUATELY WET" AT ALL  
TIMES.





BAD: WORKERS LETTING WASTE  
FALL TO GROUND







LOWER WASTE TO THE GROUND  
- DO NOT DROP IT.



SEAL WASTE BAGS  
BEFORE BRINGING  
THEM OUTSIDE THE  
WORK AREA.



# BAD: WASTE NOT CONTAINED





# “GLOVE BAGS” ARE LEAK TIGHT CONTAINERS FOR REMOVING PIPE INSULATION





THESE “SUPER SACK” CONTAINERS  
ARE COMMON.





# TRANSPORTING ASBESTOS WASTES

- ▶ No dust should be visible.
- ▶ Wastes should be kept wet at all times.





AVOID BREAKING  
ASBESTOS MATERIALS



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# STATE REGULATIONS

- ▶ Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH)
  - ▶ Performs regulatory compliance and enforcement
- ▶ Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
  - ▶ Disposal



# DEFINITIONS

- ▶ Friable ACM (RACM)
  - ▶ Regulated asbestos containing material
- ▶ Non-friable ACM (non-RACM)
  - ▶ Non-regulated asbestos containing material
  - ▶ Category I and Category II

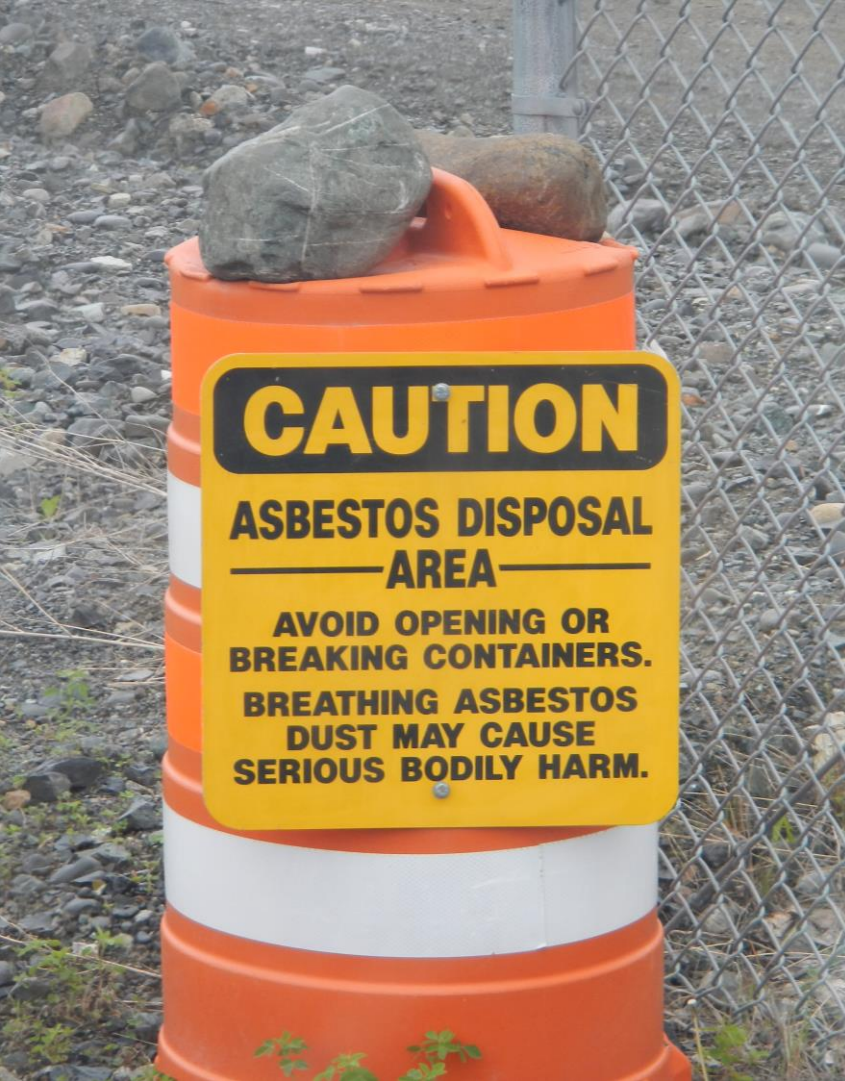


- ▶ May only be disposed of in Class I or II landfills or monofills permitted to accept it.
- ▶ One-time asbestos monofills
- ▶ Most rural village landfills are NOT permitted to accept asbestos.

## DISPOSAL OPTIONS



# DISPOSAL AT LANDFILLS



- ▶ Landfill operator is required to verify each load of RACM is properly packaged and labeled
- ▶ Signed waste shipment manifest





# DISPOSAL AT LANDFILLS

- ▶ Access to RACM disposal areas must be restricted
- ▶ Both RACM and non-RACM must be handled and managed carefully
- ▶ Both RACM and non-RACM must be covered promptly

