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1.0 **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this section is to communicate to employees and other interested persons that this company is not in the business of abating asbestos hazards, or working with asbestos or asbestos containing materials.

2.0 **SCOPE**

This section provides a means by which this company intends to keep employees safe from asbestos hazards and be in compliance with government regulatory standards.

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4.0 **POSSIBLE EXPOSURE LOCATIONS**

Asbestos materials are used in the manufacture of heat-resistant clothing, automotive brake and clutch linings, and a variety of building materials including insulation, soundproofing, floor tiles, roofing felts, ceiling tiles, asbestos-cement pipe and sheet, and fire-resistant drywall. Asbestos is also present in pipe and boiler insulation materials, pipeline wrap and in sprayed-on materials located on beams, in crawlspaces, and between walls.

5.0 **HEALTH EFFECTS**

Exposure to asbestos has been shown to cause lung cancer, asbestosis, mesothelioma, and cancer of the stomach and colon.



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6.0 PROCEDURE

When communication of potential asbestos hazards on a job-site is received, it shall be determined by qualified people whether or not a hazard actually exists prior to PPP employees being directed further in these areas.

If PPP is deemed the responsible contractor for having assessments made or abatement work done, the work will be subcontracted to a company licensed to do such work, with appropriately trained and qualified people.

PPP shall comply with OSHA's asbestos standard 29 CFR 1926.1101 by ensuring that:

1. No employee is exposed to an airborne concentration of asbestos in excess of 0.1 f/cc (fibers per cubic centimeter of air) as an eight-hour time weighted average (TWA).
2. No employee is exposed to an airborne concentration of asbestos in excess of 1.0 f/cc (excursion limit) as averaged over a sampling period of 30 minutes.

PPP intends to accomplish "no employee exposure" by means of hazard communication, required and prohibited work practices and hazard awareness training.

Prohibit employees from entering controlled areas where asbestos work is being performed.

Allow employees to enter only areas that have been deemed safe or abated by a qualified person through means of exposure assessments and monitoring.

Require employees to report to their supervisor immediately any suspicions of asbestos containing material that could become friable in their work areas.

7.0 TRAINING



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1. Provide appropriate training for affected employees, in compliance with 29 CFR 1926.1101. Training shall take a minimum of two (2) hours, and include, but not be limited to:
 - Methods of recognizing asbestos;
 - Health effects associated with asbestos exposure;
 - The relationship between smoking and asbestos in producing lung cancer;
 - The nature of operations that could result in exposure to asbestos;
 - The importance of protective controls and procedures, and any necessary instruction in the use of these controls and procedures;
 - Medical surveillance program requirements;
 - Signage and labeling requirements; and
 - The content of 29 CFR 1926.1101 including appendices.

Training shall be documented by use of PPP's safety training attendance record form. The training information and attendance record must be kept on site for the duration of the project and a copy of the attendance record sent to the PPP safety director.

8.0 HAZARD COMMUNICATION DEFINITION AND MEANS

Communication of hazards: The method by which building owners and employers of potentially exposed employees must pass along specific hazard information to those employees.

Information must also be passed to:

1. Prospective employers applying or bidding for work in or adjacent to areas containing asbestos; and
2. Employees of subcontractors or other contractors, and tenants who will occupy the areas containing such materials.

Signs, labels, employee information, and training are the primary means of communicating asbestos hazards.

Signs and labels shall identify the material which is present, its location, and appropriate work practices which, if followed, will ensure that



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asbestos containing material (ACM) and/or presumed asbestos containing material (PACM) will not be disturbed.

9.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

1. It is every employee's responsibility to report suspicions of asbestos.
2. The PPP project supervisor shall be responsible for enforcing required and prohibited work practices, and for communicating known hazards and potential hazards with employees, the company safety director, project manager, subcontractors and the general superintendent.
3. The PPP safety director shall be responsible for providing training when required as per this section.

REVISION HISTORY

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