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Asbestos Removal Requirements

Per DNREC's Divisions of Air Quality and Waste and Hazardous Substances work:

"A thorough inspection must be conducted for the presence of asbestos-containing building materials prior to any building renovation or demolition project. The inspection must be conducted by a person licensed by Delaware in the identification of asbestos-containing building materials. These individuals are employed by professional service firms licensed by Delaware's Office of Management and Budget Division of Facilities Management.

The survey or inspection is summarized in a report for the client and or repair/removal contractor. DNREC's Division of Air Quality has developed a survey/inspection form (Delaware Asbestos Survey/Inspection Forms) for use by professional survey firms to summarize their findings.

If asbestos is found during the inspection and will be disturbed during any renovation or repair work, it must be properly removed and disposed of at an approved disposal facility. Likewise, all asbestos must be removed prior to any building demolition project. In most cases, asbestos abatement activities must be performed by a Delaware-licensed abatement contractor."

For asbestos renovations, facility owners or operators must provide electronic notification to DNREC at least ten working days before the start of regulated asbestos renovations.

For demolitions, they must provide electronic notification to DNREC at least ten working days before the start of demolition, even if there is no asbestos.

Any asbestos encountered shall be removed by a licensed asbestos removal contractor and be properly disposed of as per DNREC regulations. A letter of confirmation from the licensed asbestos removal contractor verifying that no asbestos remains is required. Property owners choosing to perform asbestos removal on their own structures are required to provide receipts reflecting controlled disposal as per DNREC regulations. For questions, contact Colin Gomes (DNREC) at 302-323-4542.

You may visit the following website to find the necessary forms:

<https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/air/asbestos/renovation-demolition/>