

MassDEP
Proposed Amendments to Air Pollution
Control and Asbestos Regulations
310 CMR 7.00 and 310 CMR 7.15
Public Hearings

January 2013



Goal

- Increase environmental and public health benefits while clarifying the regulatory process for stakeholders.



Overall Objectives

1. Bring MassDEP asbestos regulations up to date with EPA's Asbestos NESHAPs.
2. Better aligns MassDEP and MassDLS regulations.
3. Clarify MassDEP asbestos abatement work practices.
4. Creates Alternative Work Practice permits and fees.
5. Strengthens enforcement.



Specific Initiatives

- Operation and maintenance standards for small scale asbestos abatement;
- Permits for alternative work practices in situations where traditional asbestos abatement is not feasible; and
- Relief from notification requirements for owners of single family, owner occupied residences where the owner conducts the non-friable ACM removal.



Some of the new requirements

- Clarifies the need to conduct a pre-demolition/renovation asbestos inspection (survey) in line with EPA's NESHAP requirement.
- Use waste shipment records (consistency with EPA's NESHAP and will help to ensure compliance with waste management requirements).
- Material-specific O&M procedures for certain non-friable ACMs.
- Alternative Work Practice permits for non-traditional asbestos abatement that will ensure a consistent application, review and decision making process.



Send written comments to James Doucett, MassDEP Bureau of Waste Prevention

- Submit by e-mail:
 - james.doucett@state.ma.us
- Submit by USPS:
 - Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Waste Prevention
One Winter Street, 7th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
Attn: James Doucett