



Department of Environmental Protection

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PERMIT FACT SHEET: ASBESTOS BLANKET NOTIFICATION APPLICATION

Introduction

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) approves two types of Asbestos Blanket Notifications on a case-by-case basis:

- A *Limited Maintenance Blanket Notification Activity Approval* is designed for facilities that contain significant amounts of asbestos containing material and routinely encounter situations where asbestos must be abated immediately without being able to wait for the 10 day advance notification period required by the MassDEP asbestos regulations (310 CMR 7.15). The Limited Maintenance Activity Approval covers multiple projects (with submittal of individual ANF-001 Forms) for which each individual project involves less than 10 linear feet of ACM on pipe or 25 square feet of ACM on other facility components at a facility. The Limited Maintenance Approval also covers multiple projects for work in a contiguous utility system network owned by a public or private utility for which individual projects involve up to 25 linear feet of ACM on pipe or up to 60 square feet of ACM on other facility components at a facility. Please note that for limited maintenance activities involving asbestos-containing floor tile and related mastic and/or asbestos-containing gypsum wallboard/joint compound systems, the notification exemption for incidental maintenance projects (310 CMR (6)(f)2. would apply. That said, however, material-specific work practices found in the MassDEP Asbestos Regulation must still be followed to keep non-friable material from becoming friable and to prevent releases of asbestos fibers to the environment.
- A *Large Scale Asbestos Abatement Project (LSAAP) Approval* is designed for planned abatement projects that involve the removal of significant quantities of asbestos containing materials over an extended period of time and can provide more flexibility in scheduling and sequencing of the work.

Both types of Asbestos Blanket Notification Approvals are facility-specific, and can be issued for time periods not to exceed 12 months. They can be renewed by submitting a new application. Approvals are issued by the MassDEP region that covers the municipality in which the facility is located and are commonly issued for a calendar year or up to 12 months. Find your region: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-regional-offices-by-community> .

How to Submit an Application for an Asbestos Blanket Notification Permit

- A. Complete the form BWP AQ 05 ASBESTOS BLANKET NOTIFICATION APPLICATION, and submit it to MassDEP by taking two steps:

1. Mail the original signed BWP AQ 05 Asbestos Blanket Notification Application to the MassDEP Regional Office for the community where this work will be done, Attention: Asbestos Program. Find your region: <https://www.mass.gov/massdep-contacts-service-center>;
AND
2. Submit a copy of the BWP AQ 05 Asbestos Blanket Notification Application and a check or money order made out to the “Commonwealth of Massachusetts” for \$200.00 via regular USMail to:
MassDEP
P.O. Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

Submittal of the fee payment to the PO Box via USMail is preferred for quicker processing. But if, for some reason, you elect to submit the BWP AQ 05 Asbestos Blanket Notification Application via private or overnight delivery service, please send the BWP AQ 05 Asbestos Blanket Notification Application and a check or money order for the associated \$200 fee (if applicable) made out to the “Commonwealth of Massachusetts” to:

Department of Environmental Protection
Revenue Division
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Please note: the following types of entities are exempt from MassDEP permit fees: any city, town, county, or district of the Commonwealth, federally recognized Indian tribe housing authority, any municipal housing authority, and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

- B. If your application is complete, MassDEP will issue an approval or denial within 20 calendar days of the check for the fee clearing the bank (or within 20 days of receiving the application if the project is exempt from the fee). If your application is deficient, MassDEP will notify you of the missing information. If you then complete your application within 30 calendar days, MassDEP will issue an approval or denial within 20 calendar days of receiving the additional information.
- C. If your Blanket Notification Permit Application is approved, you will receive a Blanket Notification Permit Project Approval number from the MassDEP Regional Office. You will need this number for each Asbestos Notification Form that you will submit for each job conducted under the blanket.

- D. You will need to submit an ANF 001 form for each job completed under the Blanket Notification Approval. ANF 001 forms should be submitted online via eDEP, where the \$100.00 notification fee can be paid by credit card or by ACH transfer from a bank account (this is done online using the e-DEP filing system found at the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-an-aq-04-anf-001-asbestos-removal-notification>). Please note, asbestos abatement projects at owner-occupied residential property with four or fewer units are exempt from MassDEP's asbestos notification fees.

When you submit your ANF 001 form online via eDEP, check the second box on the ANF 001 "pre-form" and enter the Blanket Permit Project Approval number in the associated box. This number will then automatically appear to answer question 4 in Section A of the ANF 001 form.

- E. Timing of ANF 001 submittals for jobs conducted under a Blanket Notification Approval:
- For limited maintenance activity projects, the ANF 001 must be submitted within 24 hours of the commencement of the asbestos removal operation.
 - For large-scale abatement operations the ANF 001 must be submitted at least three working days (72 hours) PRIOR to commencement of the abatement activities.

Contacting the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)

For questions about how to complete the AQ 05 Form or how to comply with MassDEP's requirements for asbestos removal, please contact the Asbestos Program in the MassDEP regional office that covers the municipality where the asbestos work will be performed. MassDEP's asbestos inspectors are the best source of information about any technical aspects of MassDEP's requirements for asbestos removal.

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| Western | John Moriarty | john.moriarty@mass.gov | 857/443-5348 | 436 Dwight Street Springfield, MA 01103 |

Find your region: <https://www.mass.gov/massdep-contacts-service-center>

MassDEP Asbestos Program Web Page: <http://mass.gov/dep/asbestos>

Provides links to all MassDEP asbestos-related regulations, policies, guidance documents and notification forms.