## Asbestos Project Monitoring Disclosure

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## **Notice**

Contractors/Consultants hired to perform asbestos abatement activities are required by Asbestos Management Regulations, 06-096 CMR 425 (effective April 3, 2011) to provide project monitoring information to building owner/agents when project monitoring will not be performed. 06-096 CMR 425 does not require project monitoring. It is, ultimately, the building owner/agents decision whether project monitoring is appropriate for a particular abatement project.

Project monitoring by a Maine certified Asbestos Air Monitor provides project documentation regarding whether the activity was conducted in accordance with design specifications and applicable rules and regulations. It also includes area monitoring; area monitoring means that a Maine certified Asbestos Air Monitor collects air samples during the abatement activity. Air samples are typically taken immediately outside the regulated area and in other adjacent locations in order to determine whether elevated fiber levels are being detected during the abatement activity. Independent area monitoring can be useful to address the concerns of building occupants regarding air quality issues while the abatement project is ongoing. Area monitoring is not the same as Air Clearance Sampling.

Air clearance sampling is collecting air samples at the conclusion of the asbestos abatement project, after an Asbestos Air Monitor has determined that the regulated area is visually clean, to determine whether the air inside the containment system meets Maine's air clearance standards. As noted above, project monitoring is not required by regulation; air clearance sampling is required by regulation (except for exterior materials [roofing and siding] and for certain abatement methods that do not require containment systems). Finally, air clearance sampling must be performed by an Asbestos Air Monitor who is independent from the abatement contractor whenever the abatement project involves more than 100 linear and/or square feet of asbestos.

The cost of project monitoring is cited often as the main reason it is not performed. Independent project monitoring (see the Asbestos Consultant "Independent Business Relationship Disclosure Form" to determine if the consultant is independent from the contractor) may serve to reduce a building owner's potential liability by documenting that that the abatement activity was conducted in accordance with design specifications and applicable rules and regulations, and may be appropriate whenever an asbestos abatement project is conducted immediately adjacent to occupied areas in buildings or for projects with high public visibility. The scope of project monitoring is determined by contract; building owner/agents should always solicit as many estimates as necessary to get the most appropriate services.

| I understand copies of this disclosure must be presented to the building owner/agent and must be part of the permanent record for this project. I also understand that a copy of this completed form must be available upon request at the asbestos project site. |              |
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| Signature (Asbestos Contractor/Consultant   | Print Name   |
| Date  | Project Code |
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| Signature (Building Owner/Agent   | Print Name   |
| Date  |              |