ASBESTOS PROTECTED BUILDING PROGRAM (APBP)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this program is to establish and maintain buildings that have comprehensive building surveys which do not containing asbestos.

SCOPE: All buildings construction from year 2000 to present or a complete building remodel will require an up to date comprehensive asbestos inspection in order to participate in the program. The testing must include all building interior and exterior components.

DEFINITIONS:

Comprehensive Building Survey – A complete asbestos building survey by an EPA accredited asbestos inspector in current standing and whose training meets the criteria in EPA’s Model Accreditation Plan (40 CFR 763, Subpart E, Appendix C) for inspector; and who is experienced in collecting bulk and area air samples in accordance with Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulations and EPA guidance. This inspection shall be performed in accordance with 40 CFR 763, Subpart E.

Comprehensive Roofing Survey – A complete asbestos roofing survey by an EPA accredited asbestos inspector in current standing and whose training meets the criteria in EPA’s Model Accreditation Plan (40 CFR 763, Subpart E, Appendix C) for inspector; and who is experienced in collecting bulk and area air samples in accordance with Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulations and EPA guidance. This inspection shall be performed in accordance with 40 CFR 763, Subpart E

PROGRAM ELEMENTS:

1. Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) Asbestos Program personnel will be responsible for conducting or evaluating third-party asbestos inspections of buildings being considered for inclusion into the program.

2. Building owner / General Contractor and Project Management and Construction Services (PMCS) / Campus Planning and Construction (CPC). will be responsible for helping to coordinate EHS access to all areas for asbestos sampling purposes.

3. Any asbestos inspection reporting prepared by a third party must state that the inspection is a comprehensive inspection and not a limited inspection.

4. Review of comprehensive testing results by the University Asbestos Consultant of record will determine if a particular building will qualify for inclusion into the program or if additional actions may be necessary.
5. Buildings constructed prior to year 2000 will be evaluated on a case by case basis and a determination will be made by the University Asbestos Consultant of record after review of all available information which would include existing historical asbestos sample data.

6. If a building qualifies for inclusion into the program, there will be no difference in the procedural steps that are required to be taken now. EHS will review a request for sampling and if the building is identified as being part of the program, the requestor will be notified that they may proceed with their scheduled work.

A. For repair work or minor work that Zone Shop personnel would perform or Information Technology Services (ITS) services there will be no need to submit an asbestos inspection request.

B. For renovation work that is either performed in-house or by third party contractors, it will be necessary for EHS to sample ALL new work areas prior to final paint covering and re-occupancy.

C. If EHS does not conduct sampling prior to re-occupancy of the space, there will be damage to surfaces that will not be repaired when EHS does conduct its sampling.

D. If EHS is not notified of the construction activity and it is identified after the fact, the building will be automatically removed from the program. At that point, normal procedures will be implemented where EHS sampling is a requirement prior to any disturbance of materials within the building regardless the scope of work.

E. Re-instatement into the program may require a separate comprehensive asbestos inspection to be funded. However, re-instatement into the program will go through the above written process.

SUMMARY

Buildings entered into the program enjoy a more compressed time frame for conducting work, which is critical during emergencies. Asbestos inspections are conducted after each renovation activity as opposed to before. In addition, these inspections should be able to be conducted on a normal turn-around time basis instead of priority or emergency. There will be no delay encountered for small routine activities such as hanging pictures, adding a white board, adding new cable outlets, or installing new Wi-Fi antennas, etc., Renovation activities will be inspected after renovation as opposed to before renovation. This maintains the building in the program so that even in an emergency event there is no delay in response actions.

EHS is the central repository for all asbestos related documents for the University of Texas at Austin.