

Appendix H. Glossary

Asbestos	A group of naturally occurring minerals that separate into fibers. There are six asbestos minerals used commercially: Chrysotile, Amosite, Crocidolite, Anthophyllite, Tremolite, and Actinolite.
Cementitious	Friable materials that are densely packed and nonfibrous.
Delaminate	To separate into layers. As used here, to separate from the substrate.
(Human) Exposure	The presence of people in an area where levels of an airborne contaminant are elevated. A more technical definition sometimes found in scientific literature is: The total amount of airborne contaminant inhaled by a person, typically approximated by the product of concentration and duration.
(Material) Exposure	The amount or fraction of material visible.
Fibrous	Spongy, fluffy, composed of long strands of fibers.
Friable	Capable of being crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure.
Homogeneous	Similar in appearance and texture.
Peak levels	Levels of airborne containment which are much higher than average and occur for short periods of time in response to sudden release of the contaminant.
Prevalent levels	Levels of airborne contaminant occurring under normal conditions.
Resolve	To distinguish different objects with a microscope.
Risk	The likelihood of developing a disease as a result of exposure to a contaminant.

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