

## **Section 7 - Monitoring and Recordkeeping Requirements**

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Employers are required to maintain records of environmental exposure to airborne asbestos particulates for at least three years. Personal exposure samples will be collected at least annually for specific maximum-risk work operations.

These selected samples will be collected and evaluated as both time-weighted and peak concentration values. The personal sampling regime shall be on a quarterly basis for maximum-risk work areas when environmental concentrations are in excess of the standard.

Records of the type of respiratory protection in use, and of the duration of each usage during the quarterly sampling schedule must also be maintained. Quarterly sampling, monitoring and record keeping are required only until environmental levels comply with the standard.

## **II. INTRODUCTION**

2.1 This document presents the criteria and standard based thereon for the prevention of occupational diseases associated with exposure to asbestos.

2.1.1 The data referred to herein is available on loan from ASTM Headquarters.

2.2 The goal of this standard is to prevent significantly diminished functional capacity, or life expectancy, among workers as a result of their work experience, insofar as practicable.

2.2.1 This standard is intended for occupations covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to the specific exclusion of those covered by the Federal Metal and Nonmetallic Mines Safety Act (30 US. C. 725 et seq.).

2.3 These criteria were developed to ensure that the standard based thereon would satisfy the following conditions:

2.3.1 Protect workers against diseases related to asbestos exposure.

2.3.2 Applicable by means of available monitoring methods.

2.3.3 Possible with existing technology

2.3.4 Feasible economically