

Entek talk

With all the acronyms and regulations, what do you really need to know? Answer: The location, condition, accessibility and amount of asbestos in your building.

We've developed this "capsule report" to give you information you need to know to protect employees' health, and your organization from liability.

In an article for Risk Management, two of Entek's experts make an important point: "...asbestos-containing materials (ACM) rarely present a health risk to building occupants if the material retains its integrity and performs as designed." So, the smaller the chance that ACM will be disturbed, the smaller the need to remove them.

What should you do right now? Conduct a comprehensive survey and assessment for ACM. Then, develop an asbestos operations and maintenance program (AOMP) that protects building users and workers, as well as the interests of the building owner. Entek has customized hundreds of AOMP's, which include developing a program manual, worker training, program initiation, assistance in making required notifications, and record-keeping. Options include development of annual unit price abatement contracts, air sampling programs, program oversight and review, and facility reinspection.

There is a renewed effort in Washington to extend, expand and clarify regulations that apply to asbestos in commercial buildings. In January of this year, OSHA completed an extension of comments on proposed revisions to its asbestos standard. What's involved is the proposed requirement for building and facility owners and employers "to identify and notify workers of the presence, location and amount of asbestos

has to be torn apart.

The EPA and many private parties support the work of the Health Effects Institute-Asbestos Research (HEI-AR), an organization of experts helping to determine and evaluate the need for asbestos management and abatement in public and commercial buildings. Because of Entek's vast knowledge in the field, we're the only private environmental consulting firm represented on the Asbestos Literature Review Panel of experts.

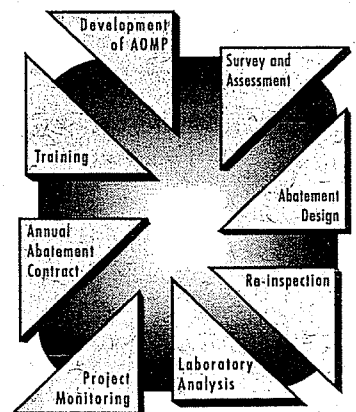
Entek is also the primary author of the "Model Guide Specifications, Asbestos Abatement and Management in Buildings", published by the National Institute of Building Sciences. We've consulted on hundreds of projects in the U.S. and Europe and we're ready to help you manage asbestos — with a minimum of cost and worry. Just call or write — we'll be happy to send you a copy of our Risk Management article, and to answer any questions you might have.

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within their building".

Basically, the discussions center on the PACM approach — Presumptive Asbestos-Containing Materials. With this approach, materials designated as "high risk" by OSHA would be presumed to contain asbestos, unless survey, sampling and analysis — which Entek specializes in — find otherwise.

Setting a reduced Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) is also in the works. While the results of the latest comments aren't in yet, it's clear that the need for asbestos management services will continue. However, that doesn't mean that your building



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MEET THE ENTEK TEAM



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Mr. Morse is a licensed architect with over 26 years of experience. He is a nationally recognized expert in the area of asbestos management and abatement. Mr. Morse has been recognized for his environmental expertise by many leading professional organizations and public agencies. Recently Mr. Morse was also appointed to the Congressionally mandated Health Effects Institute-Asbestos Research (HEI-AR) Literature Review Panel which made recommendations to the EPA on how to manage asbestos in public and commercial buildings. Along with other Entek personnel, Mr. Morse was a principal author of the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) Model Guide Specifications which set the industry standard for asbestos abatement and management in buildings.

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