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**Subject:** Re: Request to Interview for a Feature on Asbestos and the Environment

Enesta,

Thank you so much for your help with this! I greatly appreciate your assistance with this story, and we'd be more than happy to send a copy your way once we go to print.

All best,

Ali

On Fri, Apr 27, 2018 at 10:00 AM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ali,

**On background:**

**Storms, natural disasters, and building destruction can all release large amounts of asbestos into the air, soil, and water of surrounding towns. How is that affected by current natural disaster patterns of climate change? Are there specific policies in place for disaster cleanup?**

Please go here for more information:

<https://www.epa.gov/homeland-security-waste>

Ali,

**On background:**

**How are Health Risks Mitigated by the Asbestos NESHAP?**

The Asbestos NESHAP is a set of work practice standards designed to minimize the release of asbestos, prescribed for the handling, processing, removal, and disposal of asbestos-containing materials (ACM). The purpose of these work practices is to minimize the release of asbestos into the environment, with special emphasis on minimizing the release of asbestos into the ambient (outside) air. <https://www.epa.gov/asbestos/learn-about-asbestos#effects>.

OSHA has also developed guidelines in association with the EPA, which are also available on EPA's asbestos website at [www.epa.gov/asbestos](http://www.epa.gov/asbestos).

**Per NESHAP guidelines, public notice is only required in certain instances. When is public notice required and why?**

During certain activities the risk of exposure to asbestos fibers and disturbance of ACM increases. To mitigate these risks for a demolition or renovation activity, each owner/operator must notify the EPA Administrator in

writing 10 days before that activity begins, and update the notice when the demolition or renovation work changes by at least 20 percent. The Asbestos NESHAP includes a notification form that owners/operators may use for notification purposes.

### **How are NESHAP regulations enforced?**

Enforcing environmental laws is a central part of EPA's Strategic Plan to protect human health and the environment. EPA works to ensure compliance with the asbestos requirements through compliance assistance, to help the regulated community understand and comply with the regulations. EPA also uses various compliance monitoring tools to assess compliance, such as inspections. When warranted, EPA will take civil or criminal enforcement action against violators in environmental laws.

EPA has authority to take enforcement actions when it identifies violations of the asbestos NESHAP, under the Clean Air Act (CAA). The CAA describes this authority under Section 113, Federal Enforcement. As examples from EPA's regional offices, EPA has taken actions requiring property owners to clean up asbestos-contaminated demolition debris when buildings were demolished without first removing asbestos as required, and issued penalties for violations such as failing to have a trained supervisor on site during asbestos renovations and demolitions, and failure to use wet methods during abatement activities to prevent the release of asbestos fibers.

### **How can Americans avoid asbestos exposure?**

The EPA has published several guidelines on avoiding exposure to, and inhalation of, asbestos fibers: [www.epa.gov/asbestos](http://www.epa.gov/asbestos).

On Apr 23, 2018, at 4:23 PM, Ali Cassity <Ex. 6> wrote:

Hi Enesta,

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly. Here are some of the questions I'm looking to cover, in addition to citing from EPA policies and regulation specifics:

- What are the major risks that asbestos poses to the environment? To lung health and clean air? How are these risks mitigated by policies like TSCA, NESHAP, and AHERA?
- What risks does asbestos pose to public health?
- Per NESHAP guidelines, public notice is only required in certain instances. When is public notice required and why?
- Storms, natural disasters, and building destruction can all release large amounts of asbestos into the air, soil, and water of surrounding towns. How is that affected by current natural disaster patterns of climate change? Are there specific policies in place for disaster cleanup?
- How are NESHAP regulations enforced and how can Americans avoid asbestos exposure?

I'm hoping to have the interview completed by Monday, 4/30. The story will go to print in July 2018 as part of our first issue.

Thank you!

Alison Cassity

On Mon, Apr 23, 2018 at 11:27 AM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ali, what are your specific questions and firm deadline?

**From:** Ali Cassity [Ex. 6]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 12:26 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Request to Interview for a Feature on Asbestos and the Environment

Ms. Jones,

My name is Alison Cassity and I am a writer working with *Cancer Wellness Magazine*, a new magazine focusing on cancer patients. Aimed at a sophisticated cadre of readers including medical professionals, major research institutions, support networks, as well as fighters and survivors, Cancer Wellness delivers cutting-edge content and resources in one place. Based in Chicago, but with a national reach, Cancer Wellness' unique mix of health, wellness, beauty, entertainment, and medical coverage provides all the essentials for an ever-growing community to thrive with and beyond the scope of cancer.

For our July issue, I am writing a story on asbestos and the environment, and I would love to interview you on asbestos and clean air regulations. It is my goal to enlighten our readers on the ways in which the EPA policies monitor asbestos levels and risks.

I anticipate that the interview will take about 30 minutes by phone, and I'm happy to send questions by email as well if that is more convenient for you.

Thank you for your consideration; I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Alison Cassity

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