TRANSITE CABLE HOLE COVERS

MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION

Prior to 1974, Transite was used as a cable hole cover. The cable hole covers were typically replaced with steel covers in the 1980's, however, some transite covers still remain. The best way to identify them is by the process of elimination. Cable hole covers may be wood, steel or transite (which has the look and feel of cementitious board material).

Note that an exposure assessment and personal monitoring may be warranted. Contact your functional environment and safety organization to arrange for this before work begins.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (If exposure assessment warrants)

1. Tyvek suit, with hood and booties
2. Safety glasses
3. Latex gloves

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

1. HEPA Vacuum
2. Polyethylene, 6 mil
3. Amended water in spray bottles
4. Asbestos disposal bags
5. Asbestos warning flagging or other means to cordon off the work area

SITE PREPARATION

1. Cordon off the work area.
2. Cover the floor below the cable hole cover with polyethylene extending at least 6 feet in all directions from the work area.

WORK PROCEDURES

1. Transite, when cut could release asbestos fibers in the air but poses no hazard while in solid state.
2. If transite materials are to be removed, the removed panel should not be cut up, sanded, drilled or in any way reduced in size, prior to disposal.
3. Carefully back the screws out of the pre-drilled holes.
4. Carefully lower the panel to another employee on the floor.
5. If the panel will fit, place in an asbestos disposal bag. If not wrap and seal in two layers of plastic, and label as asbestos waste.
6. Follow all decontamination and waste disposal procedures.

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