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Two new officials of the Environmental Protection Administration were sworn in at City Hall yesterday to enable the city to take swift action against a growing pollution danger—insulating asbestos that is sprayed in the construction of new buildings.

The officials are Robert Rickles, Commissioner of Air Resources, and Neal Fabricant, legal counsel for the Environmental Protection Administration. Both had been working in their posts and were hurriedly sworn in so the city could legally promulgate new regulations requiring the containment of asbestos dust.

The new regulations — the first of their kind in the nation, officials said—are to be delivered today to construction sites, and will become effective at 7 A.M. Monday.

They require that tarpaulins cover areas where asbestos is being sprayed on building structures, that waste asbestos be vacuumed and swept into closed containers and that the containers be buried in designated disposal areas.

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