their workers are either certified by a different State with a certification and training program or have attended an EPA-approved training course.

EPA already has approved a number of training courses for supervisors and workers. EPA-funded training facilities located at Georgia Tech (Atlanta), Kansas University (Kansas City), Tufts (Boston), the University of Illinois (Chicago), the University of Texas (Arlington), the University of Utah (Salt Lake City), Drexel University (Philadelphia), and Rutgers (Piscataway, N.J.) offer EPA-approved training courses for both supervisors and workers. The University of California, Berkeley is funded by EPA and will offer EPA-approved courses when it opens later this year.

In addition, EPA is funding the National Association of Minority Contractors to conduct training courses in New York (August 5-8), Detroit (September 16-19), and Los Angeles (November 18-21) this year. These courses will have EPA approval.

The National Asbestos Council (NAC) and the Committees on Occupational Safety and Health (COSH) are receiving EPA funds to conduct abatement worker training courses. These programs are designed for non-supervisory workers in the abatement industry. Both groups' training courses have received EPA approval. NAC can send field personnel to a particular project location to train workers on-site.

Training courses approved by any State certification and training program are EPA-approved courses under the ASHAA program for contractors in States without training requirements. For example, the Association of Wall and Ceiling Industries (AWCI) training course is approved by Alabama. As a result, the AWCI course is acceptable in Alabama and in all States without certification and training programs.

In addition to all of the above, EPA has developed interim criteria to evaluate the adequacy of training courses whose sponsors wish to seek EPA approval. These 1986 interim criteria will be used to evaluate training courses not approved by any State certification and training program. EPA will not review training courses already approved by a State program. These state approved courses are acceptable under the ASHAA program as outlined above.

Regional Asbestos Coordinators (RACs) in the ten EPA Regions will review training courses submitted for approval under the ASHAA program. Training course sponsors seeking approval should contact the nearest EPA Regional Office for details. In addition, the Regional Asbestos Coordinators will have available a schedule of courses at EPA-funded centers for interested contractors.

In summary, all contractor firms that are State certified may conduct ASHAA work in States where they are certified and in any State without certification and training programs. Contractor firms that are not State certified but have attended an EPA-approved course may conduct ASHAA work in States without certification and training programs.

EPA urges all interested contractors to receive suitable training as quickly as possible. EPA believes that the training courses offered at the EPA funded programs provide excellent opportunities for contractors to enhance their staff's knowledge of state-of-the-art asbestos abatement practices. Please call or write the contact persons listed below to inquire about EPA funded training opportunities. In addition, the phone numbers and addresses of EPA's Regional Asbestos Coordinators are listed.

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