

Subject Occupational Safety and Health - Exposure to Airborne
Asbestos Fibers - Request for Survey

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to Assistant Vice President - Support Services
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from Assistant Vice President - Support Services

description: Requests comprehensive survey to determine extent of sprayed-on asbestos
in Bell System owned and leased facilities.

Section 29 CFR 1910.1001 of standards issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires all employers to establish and maintain an effective program for protecting their employees against asbestos exposures which may be above acceptable levels. As a result of this standard, there is a need to provide guidance to the OTCs so that they may develop and implement the programs needed to assure compliance with the current OSHA Standards for asbestos.

Baseline environmental studies conducted by the Environmental Health and Safety Department of Bell Telephone Laboratories have shown that there are two categories of asbestos usage which may potentially result in employee exposures which may be above acceptable levels:

1. Motor vehicle maintenance operations on brakes and clutches.
2. Operations in areas where sprayed-on asbestos was used for fire-proofing and heat insulation.

Instructions contained in SL 77-07-014 and SL 78-08-045 establish procedures for protecting employees from asbestos exposures while performing maintenance operations on brakes and clutches in company-owned vehicles. However, at present there remains a need for guidance concerning asbestos in facilities (owned and leased) with sprayed-on asbestos.

In order to develop guidelines which are both meaningful and realistic, there is a need for basic information concerning the extent of sprayed-on asbestos in Bell System facilities. As a result, each OTC is requested to perform a comprehensive survey of all their facilities (owned or leased) to identify all buildings which appear to have sprayed-on asbestos. Although bulk sample tests are not requested at this time, the OTCs might choose to do some sampling for corroboration.

NOTICE

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ASBESTOS MATERIAL INVESTIGATION

(See instructions in accompanying letter SL-

COMPANY: _____

BUILDING DATA SECTION--

BUILDING NAME: _____ BLDG. AGE: _____ (Years)

IDENT. NO./AREA CODE: _____ SPRAYED ON MAT'L: YES NO (Circle)

BUILDING ADDRESS: _____

TOT. NO. STORIES (Above grade): _____ SQ. FOOTAGE (Approx.) _____

PRIMARY FUNCTION(S): _____

NO. ASSIGNED EMPLOY: _____ TRANSIENT EMPLOY. DAILY (Approx.) _____

COMPANY OWNED: _____ (or)* LEASED: _____ YRS. REMAIN. ON LEASE: _____

IF LEASED: Entire Bldg. Telco _____

Partial Bldg. Telco _____

Define Telco Portion _____

*NOTE: Asbestos information only related to Telco portion of leased buildings.

ASBESTOS RELATED INFORMATION--

SPRAYED ON MATERIAL PRESENT YES NO (Circle)

If Yes:

Above Hung Ceil. YES NO

On Col. Beam, Wrd. YES NO

Other (Explain) YES NO

INSPECTED BY: _____ DATE INSP: _____

TELE. NO. _____

RETURN THIS FORM IMMEDIATELY TO: (OTC Survey Coordinator)

IF SUSPECTED ASBESTOS MATERIAL WAS PREVIOUSLY TESTED, PROVIDE FOLLOWING INFORMATION--

ASBESTOS CONFIRMED: YES NO DATE OF BULK TEST _____

TESTING COMPANY: _____ TELE. NO. _____

AIR TEST: YES NO DATE(S) OF AIR TEST _____

IF YES, RESULTS: _____

TESTING COMPANY: _____ TELE. NO. _____

INDICATE REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN (If any) _____

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ASBESTOS SURVEY

Company:

Survey Coordinator:

Owned Facilities

Total Number

Number with Sprayed-On Asbestos

Leased Facilities

Total Number

Number with Sprayed-On Asbestos

Return this form and copy of
survey form for each facility
with sprayed-on asbestos to:

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