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PROCEDUREASBESTOS CONTROL5. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

When asbestos-bearing materials to be removed during renovations exceed 260 lineal feet (80 meters) of pipe insulation or 160 square feet (15 square meters) of insulation on pipes, ducts, boilers, tanks or structural members, the E.P.A. must be notified regarding potential asbestos emissions. E.P.A. notification is required for all demolitions where asbestos-bearing materials are involved, regardless of quantity.

The responsibility for the actual notification or Letter of Intent rests with the Environmental Control Division. The information required for the Letter of Intent is covered in Attachment "A". The responsibility for gathering this information and notifying the Environmental Control Division regarding the work to be performed rests with the Mechanical Division that is responsible for that area maintenance.

6. CONTROL OF ASBESTOS DUST

- A. Exercise care when handling materials which are potential sources of asbestos dust. Local exhaust ventilation and similar controls shall be used to meet the exposure limits prescribed by Section 4, if possible. Prescribed safety equipment must be worn on all jobs where exposure to asbestos dust is possible.
- B. When cutting asbestos-containing material, use tools that will not make a dust, e.g., shears, knives or other similar cutters.
- C. Respirators (Section 7) and special clothing (Section 8-A) shall be worn by employees engaged in removal or demolition of asbestos insulation or covering.
- D. Whenever material which contains asbestos is to be removed and discarded, it is to be thoroughly wetted down prior to and during removal. Removal methods which may cause dust should not be employed. The removal area shall be roped off and proper signs posted (Section 6-G and Section 10-D).
- E. During cleanup of asbestos materials, no dry sweeping shall be performed nor any air blowdown used. Use a vacuum cleaner or wet down before sweeping. If a vacuum cleaner is to be used, it shall be fitted with a filter which will contain asbestos fibers at the filter exhaust to meet the exposure limits prescribed in Section 4.