

Asbestos Project Size & Classification

(w) **Asbestos Project.** Work that involves the removal, encapsulation, enclosure, repair or disturbance of friable or non-friable asbestos, or any handling of asbestos material that may result in the release of asbestos fibers. For the purpose of compliance with this Part, an asbestos project shall include any disturbance of asbestos fibers, and the planning, asbestos survey (as per Subpart 56-5.1), design, background air sampling, inspection, air sampling and oversight of abatement work, cleanup, and the handling of all asbestos material subject to abatement, as well as the supervising of such activities. Installation of friable ACM shall also be considered an asbestos project. An asbestos project starts with Phase I when the planning, asbestos survey, and design work begins or is required to begin. The project shall not be considered completed until Phase II D is complete. (See Table 1 Below).

ASBESTOS PROJECT PHASES OF WORK					
Phase I		Phase II			
(Prior to Asbestos Abatement Contractor Mobilization)		Start-----Abatement-----End			
Pre-Abatement					
A	B	A	B	C	D
Asbestos Survey, Planning & Design	Background Air Sampling	Regulated Abatement Work Area(s) Preparation & Enclosure Construction	Asbestos Handling including, Gross Removal or Abatement, Initial Cleans and Waste Removal	Final Cleaning & Clearance Air Samples	Final Waste Removal From Site
Start-----Asbestos Project-----End					

(i) Large asbestos project. An asbestos project involving the removal, disturbance, enclosure, encapsulation, repair or handling of 160 square feet or more of ACM, PACM or asbestos material or 260 linear feet or more of ACM, PACM or asbestos material.

(ii) Small asbestos project. An asbestos project involving the removal, encapsulation, enclosure, repair, disturbance or any handling of more than 10 and less than 160 square feet of ACM, PACM or asbestos material or more than 25 and less than 260 linear feet of ACM, PACM or asbestos material.

(iii) Minor asbestos project. An asbestos project involving the removal, disturbance, repair, encapsulation, enclosure or handling of 10 square feet or less of ACM, PACM or asbestos material, or 25 linear feet or less of ACM, PACM or asbestos material.

(ah) **Category I Non-Friable ACM.** NESHAP classification - Asbestos-containing packings, gaskets, resilient floor covering, and asphalt roofing products, containing more than one percent (1%) asbestos, that when dry, can not be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure.

(ai) **Category II Non-Friable ACM.** NESHAP classification - Any material, excluding Category I Non-Friable ACM, containing more than one percent (1%) asbestos, that when dry, can not be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure.

(aj) **Class I Asbestos Work.** OSHA term meaning activities involving the abatement of Thermal Systems Insulation (TSI), and surfacing ACM and PACM.

(ak) **Class II Asbestos Work.** OSHA term meaning activities involving the abatement of ACM which is not TSI or surfacing material. This includes, but is not limited to, the removal of asbestos-containing wallboard, floor tile and sheeting, roofing and siding shingles, and construction mastics.

(al) **Class III Asbestos Work.** OSHA term meaning Repair and Maintenance operations, where no more than a minor quantity of ACM, including TSI and surfacing ACM and PACM, is likely to be disturbed.

(am) **Class IV Asbestos Work.** OSHA term meaning Maintenance and Custodial Activities during which employees contact but do not disturb ACM or PACM and activities to clean up non-ACM dust, waste and debris resulting from Class I, II and III activities.