

What Asbestos Removal Contractors Need to Know

This fact sheet provides guidance to help contractors properly identify regulated asbestos-containing material.

Definition of Regulated Material

Ohio EPA defines friable asbestos material to include regulated asbestos-containing material (RACM) if it is reduced to less than four square inches in size during asbestos abatement and removal.

Although the rule changed in 2012, the definition for asbestos-containing material (ACM) remains the same during demolition activities. Demolition can still be performed in compliance with the amended rule and the asbestos-containing material will be evaluated according to its overall condition and not size only for friability.

This change was made to clarify for the owner/operator and the regulator on when category 1 (CAT1) non friable ACM (floor tile) can become RACM during removal. Thereby making the degradation of floor tile into RACM clearly defined.

Specifically, if a contractor is removing asbestos-containing floor tile and that tile is broken into pieces that are four square inches or smaller, it is considered RACM.



Disposal Requirements

All category 2 (CAT2) nonfriable asbestos-containing material must be disposed only at a landfill with a NESHAP condition in the facility's air permit that allows acceptance of RACM. This rule change was enacted to make Ohio's asbestos regulations consistent with the federal asbestos regulation in the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP).

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the asbestos rules, please contact the Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-2270, or visit epa.ohio.gov/dapc/atu/asbestos/asbestos.aspx. Questions related to the disposal of asbestos-containing materials can be directed to the Division of Materials and Waste Management at (614) 644-2621.