



Maryland Department of
the Environment

Asbestos 101

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NEW THIRD PARTY EXAM INFORMATION . . .

We have been getting a lot of calls lately concerning the third party exams and whether or not an individual has passed the exam. As soon as we have entered the data, we will post a list of the people who passed. This list will be located on our website, under New Third Party Exam Information, www.mde.state.md.us/asbestos. We will likely, leave the information up for at least two months. We are also offering to have people pick up the photo ID's in our office, usually a week from the exams on Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

TESTING CORNER . . .

If your company is sending a group of 10 or more people to the upcoming asbestos exams, you need to pre-register before the day of the exams. This means we need registration forms, training certificates, and payment at least 10 days before the exam test date. We expect a large spike in testing numbers in September, so please remember to pre-register. We will still accept walk-ins on the day of the exam but there are no guarantees on availability. Due to some mix ups on photo ID pickup day, training providers that wish to pick up the cards for their people need them to sign a consent form.

TRAINING PROVIDERS . . .

Our next training provider meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 3, 2014, in the Aeris Conference Room at MDE. Please call our office if you have any suggestions for the agenda.

Procedures for Photo ID cards – Starting in September, we will no longer be offering Photo Op Days on the first and third Tuesday of the month because of the third party exam requirement. If a person has lost their photo ID card, they will need to make arrangements with our office and show proof of training and third-party examination. Our Photo ID form is located on our website, www.mde.state.md.us/asbestos. Call our office for details.



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SCHOOLS . . .

So far only the Caroline County Public School Headquarters was found to be in compliance with Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA), federal and state regulations.

CONTRACTORS' CORNER . . .

The upcoming Contractor Meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct.30, 2014 in the Aeris and Aqua Conference Rooms at MDE.

Some counterfeit Photo ID training cards have surfaced and were confiscated by a Department inspector. We will be confiscating counterfeit cards and sending Notices of Violations for not having a proper photo identification card while engaged in an asbestos project. Contractors need to compare the name and picture on the Photo ID cards to your employees. If the employee does not have their training card on them they **cannot** use a color copy that they or you have laminated. All individuals performing asbestos activities such as workers, supervisors, inspectors, management planners, and project designers **MUST** have the Maryland photo identification card while engaged in asbestos projects covered by COMAR 26.11.21 (except O&M projects) Control of Asbestos and for asbestos related activities in schools as described in COMAR 26.11.23.

As some of you may have noticed, we have been issuing Administrative Settlement letters (ASL). This is an enforcement tool that, is used when a significant violation has occurred and has been corrected. Please note that penalties will increase if violations are repeated and show a recurring pattern. The following are some examples of ASLs that have been completed within the last 6 months:

- ASL mailed 7/25/2014 for \$2,000 - Violation- Failure to have a functioning shower decontamination unit for a project subject to the NESHAP, a violation of COMAR 26.11.21.06D(2).
- ASL mailed 7/25/2014 for \$3,000 - Violations- Failure to post Project Notification signs at all entrances and exits from the work site/building, a violation of COMAR 26.11.23.06A(2); and Failure to have a functioning shower decontamination unit for a project subject to the NESHAP, a violation of COMAR 26.11.21.06D(2).
- ASL mailed 7/25/2014 for \$6,000 - Violations- Failure to securely tape plastic sheeting to the walls in the work area, a violation of COMAR 26.11.21.06D(1); Failure to construct double barriers at entrances to a separate three-stage decontamination station, a violation of COMAR 26.11.21.06D(2); Failure to ensure that there is no smoking,



eating, or drinking in the work area, a violation of COMAR 26.11.21.05E; and Failure to have a current photo identification card while engaged in the asbestos occupation, a violation of COMAR 26.11.23.03C(1).

What is wrong with this picture?



Hint: We are in a regulated work area

**Please email the answer to lorraine.anderson@maryland.gov.
Subject name: Answer for Asbestos 101 Newsletter September 2014**

Last Quarters Winners (No rewards, Only Recognition) No one emailed a response.

The glovebag was open on both sides and would not be able to capture asbestos material. The asbestos material at the bottom of the bag was dry and had not been kept wet during the removal process.

ASBESTOS NEWS ARTICLES....

Big news: W.R. Grace announces the Zonolite Attic Insulation Trust

<http://www.zonoliteatticinsulation.com/>



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W.R. Grace has started a trust fund to allow **homeowners** the opportunity to receive partial funding to have **Zonolite vermiculite attic insulation removed from their home**. Samples will be sent to the trust to be analyzed by labs employed by W.R. Grace. To the best of our knowledge they have come up with a proprietary method for analysis of the vermiculite by chemical means via ICP with barium as the signature cation. It's about identifying that the vermiculite is from the Libby deposit, not asbestos content.

The FAQ section has all the basic facts. Please get this around to those that may have use of this information. Training providers might consider bringing this up in class especially in those areas where ZAI is prevalent.

Here is a link to a newspaper report about the use of asbestos in developing countries, especially India.

http://helenair.com/news/world/asia/asbestos-pushed-in-asia-as-product-for-the-poor/article_d6e1c0f4-0925-5704-9ca3-7954102c34d7.html#.U-pEqXrCqpU.email

STATE EMPLOYEE TRAINING CALENDAR

These classes are only for State employees.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 2014</u></p> <p>11 Supervisor Review (Aeris) - Cancelled (will be rescheduled) 18 Inspector/Mgmt. Planner Review(STAT) 22-24 Inspector Initial (Aeris-STAT-Aeris) 25-26 Mgmt. Planner Initial (Aeris)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October 2014</u></p> <p>16 Inspector/Mgmt. Planner Review (Terra) 23 Worker Review (Terra) 30 Automotive Class (Terra)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November 2014</u></p> <p>13 Safety & Health Specialist (STAT)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December 2014</u></p> <p>No Classes Scheduled</p>

If you must cancel your scheduled training, your supervisor must e-mail Sharon Manger at sharon.manger@maryland.gov or call at 1-800-633-6101 ext. 3200.

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