

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: Insulating Cement on Pipe Fittings

It has come to our attention that fabric jacket (or coating associated with this jacket) covering insulating cement on pipe fittings may contain asbestos; therefore, our protocol for sampling and analyses of this material has been revised to the following:

In addition to procuring samples of insulating cement per our existing protocol, inspectors now need to procure 3 separate samples of each homogeneous area of associated fabric jacket (regardless of the number of bulk samples procured from associated insulating cement).

For purposes of laboratory analyses, samples of fabric jacket should be included in same homogeneous group as the insulating cement and should not be analyzed unless all samples of insulating cement are found not to contain asbestos. Note that fabric jacket and insulating cement should be included on the same bulk sample record (as we do for other multi-layer systems).

For abatement work, if the fabric wrap is found to be an asbestos-containing material and associated insulating cement is found not to contain asbestos, the pipe fitting insulation system should be removed as if the insulating cement itself was found to contain asbestos (as we do for other multi-layer systems).

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