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SUBJECT: Procurement of Background Air Samples (REVISED)

This Bulletin revises the Technical Bulletin regarding this topic dated February 4, 2013.

Unless proposed otherwise, background air samples should be procured on all pre-renovation asbestos hazard abatement projects. Ideally, these samples should be procured prior to the Contractor arriving at the job site. In lieu of this, background air samples should be procured the morning of the first day at the job site. Project Managers should identify locations from which these samples will be procured by the RPR. Typically, 3 to 5 background air samples should be procured throughout those portions of the facility where asbestos-containing materials will be stripped and occupied areas adjacent to abatement work areas. If procured on the first day of the project, background air samples should not be procured from those areas where the abatement contractor will be starting work area preparation activities and those areas that will undergo heavy traffic by contractor for unloading of materials or accessing active work areas.

As noted on the back side of Air Sample Records, background air samples shall be procured within time frames established for work area isolation monitoring for analyses using phase contrast microscopy. The samples shall be archived and will NOT BE ANALYZED unless sampling procured during course of work (isolations and/or clearance sampling) indicates that a building contamination issue may exist within the building.

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