



Asbestos Standard

1.0 PURPOSE

This standard supports the Hazard/Aspect Control Policy and enables the Asbestos Management Program (AMP) to establish the general requirements for managing asbestos at all corporate facilities and to ensure regulatory compliance.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Asbestos

The fibrous form of crocidolite, amosite, chrysotile, anthophyllite, actinolite, tremolite, or a mixture containing any of these minerals

2.2 Asbestos Containing Material

Any material that is:

- Non-friable and the asbestos content is 1% or greater
- Friable and the asbestos content is 0.5% or greater
- Any vermiculite that contains asbestos.

2.3 Asbestos Management Program

A program that ensures that asbestos containing material is used, handled, stored and disposed of by using best practice methodology and in accordance with regulatory requirements.

2.4 Asbestos Process

Any activity that may release asbestos dust/fibres and includes:

- The sawing, cutting or sanding of asbestos containing material
- The repair, maintenance, replacement or removal of asbestos containing materials
- The cleaning or disposal of asbestos containing materials
- The mixing or application of asbestos shorts, cements, grouts, putties or similar compounds
- The storing or conveyance of materials containing asbestos
- The demolition of structures containing asbestos.

2.5 Friable

Material that, when dry, is or can be crumbled, pulverized or powdered by hand pressure.

2.6 Non-friable

Material that cannot be crumbled, pulverized or powdered by hand pressure

2.7 Vermiculite

A silicate mineral that expands when heated to a lightweight, flaked material commonly used as insulation

3.0 METHOD / PRACTICE

- The Asbestos Management Program details the procedures to be followed for:
 - Compliance with the Saskatchewan Asbestos Registry
 - Identification and inventory of asbestos containing material
 - Management and control of an asbestos process
 - Disposal of asbestos waste
 - Personal protective equipment
 - Administration of the the program
 - Suspect asbestos containing material
 - Training and communication
 - Monitoring and measuring the effectiveness of the program.

- The same document mandates the development of detailed work procedures for:
 - Low Risk Asbestos Processes
 - Moderate Risk Asbestos Processes
 - High Risk Asbestos Processes
 - Generic Glove Bag Removal
 - Bulk Sampling of Suspect Material

4.0 REFERENCES

- Saskatchewan
 - The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996
 - Saskatchewan Employment Act, 2014
 - Asbestos Registry
 - Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010
- SaskPower (Located on SafetyNet)
 - Asbestos Management Program
 - Asbestos Inventory
 - Hazard/Aspect Control Policy